



National Virtual Forum on Advancing the MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice:

Human Trafficking and Sexual Trafficking Prevention

Virtual | March 20, 2025 | 10:00am – 4:00pm ET

REQUEST FOR PANEL SPEAKERS

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is pleased to announce the request for speakers for the AFN National Virtual Forum on Advancing the MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice – “*Prevention of Human Trafficking and Sexual Trafficking*,” being held virtually on March 20, 2025.

The AFN is mandated to advocate for the full implementation of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls’ (National Inquiry) 231 Calls for Justice (CFJ). Most recently, in July 2024, First Nations-in-Assembly passed AFN Resolution 18/2024, *Call for Acceleration of MMIWG2S+ National Action Plan and Calls for Justice Implementation*, which directs the AFN to continue monitoring activities in implementing the Calls for Justice.

According to the National Inquiry, Indigenous women, girls and gender-diverse people comprise a disproportionate number of persons trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation. Call for Justice 7.3 calls upon all governments to support Indigenous-led prevention initiatives related to sexual trafficking awareness and no-barrier exiting.

The AFN CFJ Progress Report noted there has been moderate progress made to address Call for Justice 8.1, which is directed to the Transportation Services and Hospitality Industry. However, there is a need for more national coordination to develop multi-sectoral culturally relevant and gender-responsive training tools, as outlined in the protection pillar of the National Strategy to Combat Trafficking 2019-2024.

First Nations-in-Assembly passed AFN Resolution 17/2024 which calls on the government for greater international collaboration on cases of MMIWG2S+, to improve communication with Survivors and families who have experienced gender-based violence while in the United States, and for the AFN Women’s Council and AFN 2SLGBTQQIA Council to establish a sub-working group focused on international collaboration to develop strategies to address MMIWG2S+ survivors and families of those who have experienced gender-based violence while outside of Canada. The issue of sexual trafficking is a cross-border issue, so this international component will be incorporated into the discussion of this theme.

The primary objective of the event is to conduct national engagement on the theme for the AFN National Virtual Forum on Advancing the MMIWG2S+ Calls for Justice, *Prevention of Human Trafficking and Sexual Trafficking*, to inform advocacy positions, raise awareness, advance mandates, and identify indicators for the AFN’s Calls for Justice (CFJ) Progress Report.

The AFN is inviting dynamic speakers, to submit a proposal to speak on a panel on one of the following three sub-themes as it relates to First Nations people:

- Contributing Causes of Human Trafficking and Sexual Trafficking and Prevention
- Preventing Trafficking of 2SLGBTQQIA+ People
- Cross-jurisdictional, Regional, and International Considerations

All panel timeslots are 90 minutes in length and will include a moderated question and answer period. The deadline to submit an application is **February 21, 2025**. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

Please submit your application to: mmiwg@afn.ca

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