



# **Implementation of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act***

Justice Canada Information Sharing and  
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# UN Declaration Act

- On June 21, 2021, the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act \(UNDA\)](#) received Royal Assent. The *UNDA* contains three legal obligations, all to be carried out in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous peoples:



- The implementation of the *UNDA* is a whole-of-government effort, which means the UN Declaration should inform and guide the work of all ministers, within their mandate areas, where it intersects with the rights and interests of Indigenous peoples and the UN Declaration.



# Indigenous Engagement Process

- On December 10, 2021, Justice Canada launched an engagement process with Indigenous peoples to advance implementation of the UN Declaration Act.
- The engagement process continues to be broad, inclusive and distinctions-based, including consultation, cooperation and co-development with:
  - First Nations, Inuit and Métis rights holders, including modern treaty signatories, self-governing nations and historic treaty partners;
  - National and regional Indigenous representative organizations; and
  - Indigenous women, youth, elders, persons with disabilities, 2SLGBTQQIA+ persons, urban Indigenous organizations, and other Indigenous organizations and groups.



# Action Plan Timeline

## June 2021 - Royal Assent

Consistency of Laws measures begin and are ongoing

## Winter 2021/Fall 2022 - Phase I Engagement Process

Call for Proposals to support Indigenous participation (Dec 10 to Apr 15, 2022)

Ongoing Indigenous-led consultations (until March 2023)

Targeted Crown-Indigenous engagement

Ongoing interdepartmental collaboration

Information-sharing sessions on process with industry and other stakeholders

## Fall 2022/Winter 2023 - Internal Policy Period

Initial engagement findings analyzed with Indigenous partners and OGDs

Roundtable information-sharing sessions with Industry stakeholder (5 roundtables)

Development of a "What We Learned" report and a draft Action Plan

## Winter/Spring 2023 - Phase 2 Validation Process

Release of "What We Learned" report and draft Action Plan

Ongoing Indigenous-led consultations (until March 2023)

Continued Crown-Indigenous engagement

Ongoing Interdepartmental collaboration

Ongoing communication with provinces and territories

Roundtable information-sharing sessions with Industry stakeholder (5 roundtables)

Finalization of the Action Plan with Indigenous partners and OGDs

## June 2023 - Action Plan Completed



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## Section 6: Action Plan

- The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous peoples and with other federal ministers, must prepare and implement an Action Plan to achieve the objectives of the UN Declaration.
- The plan must be completed within 2 years, by June 21, 2023, and be tabled in Parliament and made public.
- It must include measures to:
  - Tackle violence and discrimination against Indigenous peoples, including systemic racism and discrimination;
  - Promote understanding through human rights education;
  - Ensure accountability with respect to implementation of the Declaration; and,
  - Monitor the implementation of the plan and for reviewing and amending the plan.



# Indigenous-led Consultations and Online Survey

- The [Engagement Kit](#) contains four PowerPoint presentations that can be adapted to Indigenous-led consultations.
- An [online submission tool](#) provides another option for Indigenous people to contribute perspectives and priorities to Justice Canada during the engagement phase.

The image shows two overlapping screenshots. The top one is a PowerPoint slide titled "Guiding Questions: Presentation module" with a background image of a document cover for the "Declaration of Indigenous Peoples". The bottom screenshot is an online survey page. It features a progress bar at 0%, a "The Act" section with introductory text and bullet points, a "Supporting Resources" sidebar with links to various documents, a "Consultation and Engagement" section, and a "Your Input" section with instructions on how to provide feedback. At the bottom, there are buttons for "Next page" and "Save and continue later".



# Implementation in Consultation and Cooperation with Indigenous peoples

- The UN Declaration Act Implementation Secretariat (UNDAIS) at Justice Canada is looking to Indigenous partners to share their priorities and perspectives on Action Plan measures (sections 5, 6, 7) for consideration into the federal Action Plan.
- UNDAIS encourages Indigenous partners to provide written submissions on potential measures.

Questions/Comments?



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