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# **Indigenous Economic Council**

# Origin

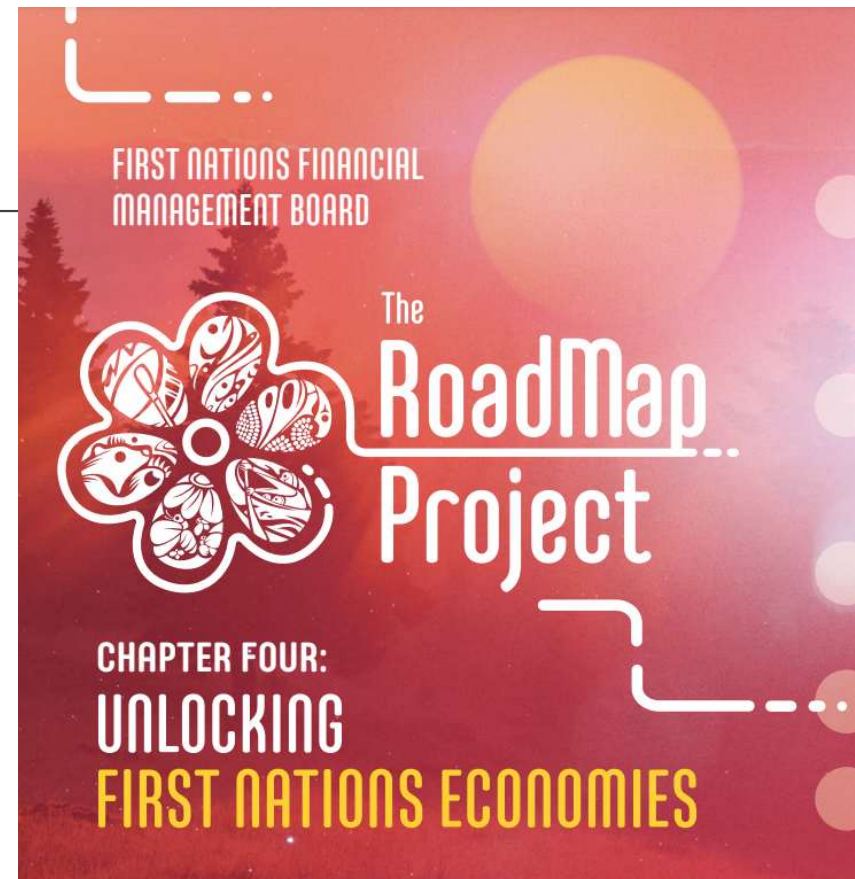
## The RoadMap Project – Chapter 4

### A New Institutional Framework

- *that creates new possibilities beyond Indian Act economics*

We propose to formalize our **collaboration** through the creation of the **Indigenous Economic Council (IEC)**.

*The IEC will coordinate the efforts of these First Nations organizations to **advance** the new institutional framework for the development of First Nations economies through **legislative proposals, new initiatives, and capacity support.** (2022)*





INTERIM FUNDING –

# Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

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Advancing Reconciliation and Building a Canada That Works for Everyone – Chapter 4

- Building an Economy That Works for Indigenous Peoples
  - Creating Prosperity With Indigenous Peoples

*Budget 2023 proposes to **provide \$5 million in 2023-24** to Indigenous Services Canada to support the **co-development of an Economic Reconciliation Framework** with Indigenous partners that will increase economic opportunities for Indigenous Peoples, communities, and businesses.*

- *3.8 Million for First Nations*
  - *1.2 Million for Inuit and Metis*
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# IEC Proposal Accepted



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## Short term goals

National Economic Forum – May 2024

First Nations Economic Reconciliation Framework (ERF)

## Long term goal

Develop a shared vision & strategy

Influence Federal Government

Create a permanent collaborative National Indigenous Organizations (NIOs) group



# Structure

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## Proposed Members

Management Committee  
(Monthly or Call of Chair)

Technical Working Group  
(Weekly or Bi-weekly)

NACCA  
FNFMB  
FNFA  
FNTC  
FNII  
CANDO  
CCIB  
FNMPC  
LABRC  
AFOA  
NATOA



# What was done? (2024)

Breakout Sessions over 2 days – What we heard:

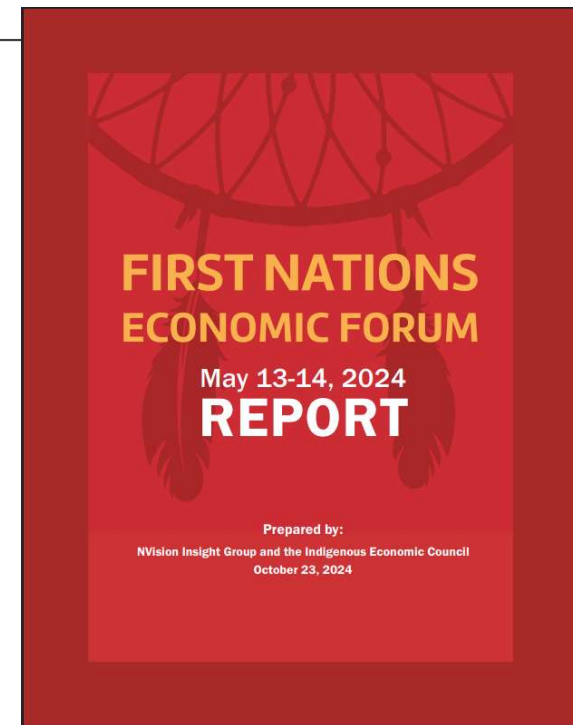
19 Recommended Initiatives on 5 Pathways

- Access to Capital
- Business Support
- First Nations Working Together
- First Nations Government Revenue
- Sovereignty over Lands

Dotmocracy – Prioritized to Top 5

Reported on results (FNFMB Website and linked through QR Code)

Formalized Proposals and submitted to Government of Canada (IEC)



# First Nations Economic Reconciliation Framework –

2024 VERSION



## IEC Generated – Six (6)

1. Indigenous Development Finance Organization (IDFO)
2. Economic Planning Support – Government Based
3. Business Navigator Portal – Entrepreneur Based
4. Indigenous Financial Institutions (IFI) Study
5. Additions to Reserves (ATR) Reform
6. Indigenous Economic Council (IEC)

## First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA) Generated – Four (4)

1. Surety Access on Reserve – Bid Bonding
2. Indigenous-owned Insurance – Self Insure
3. Monetize Federal Transfers – Collateral
4. Special Purpose Vehicles – Project Investment

In package for review...

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The Economic Reconciliation Framework is representative of 5 major themes...



... composed of the following proposals





# Where are we now?

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## Year Two

- Delivered on Year One

## Short Term Goals

- Regional Engagements
- Update ERF
- Data platform – sovereignty

## Long Term Goals

- Evidence based research
- Members & rights holders working together



# Why Review & Update – 2024?

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- 1. Changes in Geo-Political environment**
  - Canada
  - US – Disruptor
- 2. Natural evolution from National to Regional voices**
  - Differing Regional priorities
  - Confirmation of National priorities
- 3. Accelerating evolution of the Indigenous Economies**
  - Settlements & Trusts
  - Businesses (Government based and Entrepreneurial)

# Region Tours – to date

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## Original Five (5)

Winnipeg, MB – Sept. 5, 2025

Timmins, ON – Sept. 10-11, 2025

Markham, ON – Oct. 7-9, 2025

Moncton, NB – Oct. 27, 2025

Quebec City, QC – Oct. 30, 2025

On-Line – Yet to be Determined



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# Why are we here today? Regional Engagement(s)

Link to Survey – QR Code



To ask a few questions and then LISTEN, record, and share your current thoughts and preferences.



1. Vision – In your opinion, what does economic success look like for your nation in the future?



2. Brainstorm – In your opinion, what steps can you take and what environmental factors would encourage economic success in your nation?



3. Deeper Dive – Breakout Sessions: In your opinion, what are the challenges, solutions, supports and information needed to improve your nation's access to capital, business supports, working together, revenues and lands.



4. Reflection – In your opinion, what, if anything, may be important and missing?

# Thanks for participating and sharing!



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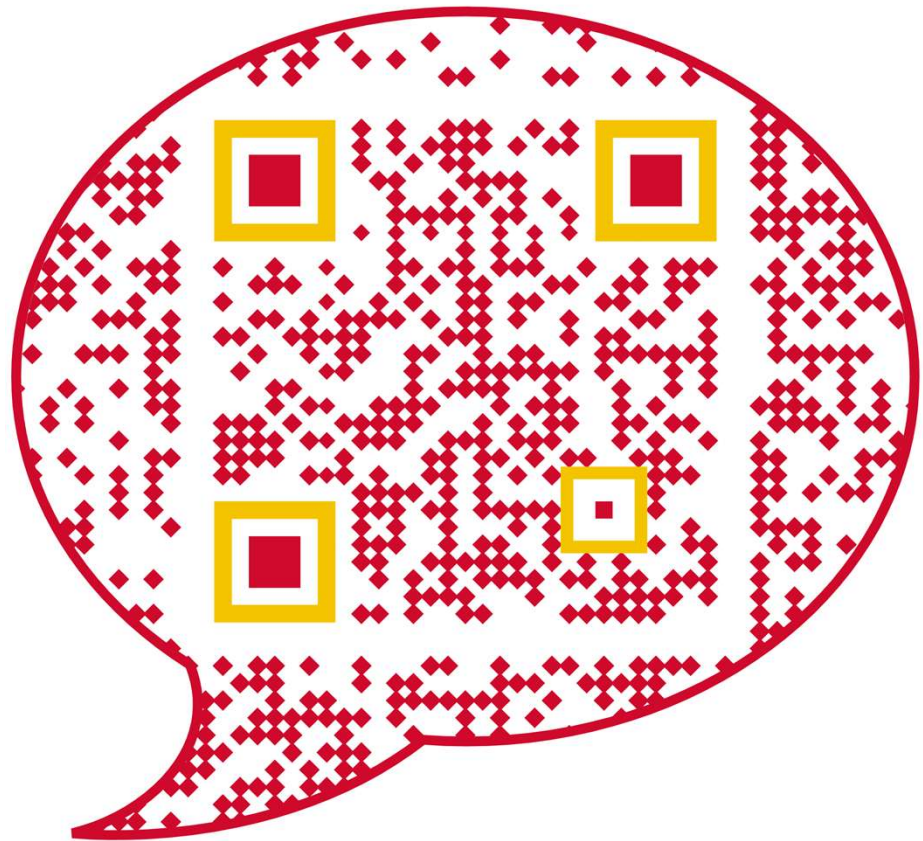
## Participating NIOs



# Contact Information and Questions?

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# Until We Meet Again!

Safe travels and best wishes!

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