



Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly 2024

December 3-5, 2024 • Rogers Centre Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario

Dialogue Session

Reforming Justice and Revitalizing First Nations Laws: An Update on the Indigenous Justice Strategy

Monday December 2, 2024 • 3:00PM ET – 4:30PM ET • ROOM 208, Rogers Centre

Session Description:

This dialogue session will provide a comprehensive update to First Nations-in-Assembly on AFN Resolution 15/2024 *Call for Renewed Support of the Co-Development and Implementation of the Indigenous Justice Strategy*, that mandates the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to co-develop a First Nations Justice Strategy as a unique element of Justice Canada's Indigenous Justice Strategy (IJS).

Since 2020, the AFN and Justice Canada have been working in partnership to develop a coordinated strategy on justice reform for First Nations that would support dismantling colonial justice structures and implementing First Nations laws, legal orders, and traditions. This work, which included three years of national engagement with First Nations, and draws on numerous reports and recommendations, has resulted in a First Nations Justice Strategy, which is anticipated to be released by the Department of Justice as part of the Indigenous Justice Strategy in early 2025.

This Dialogue Session will provide First Nations leadership and technicians an overview of the AFN's contributions to the creation of the First Nations Justice Strategy, as well as the proposed path forward for implementation. A draft resolution will be considered that would affirm the ongoing work and identify the ways in which First Nations expect to be included through a co-implementation process. A presentation from the B.C. Justice Council will also be included to highlight regionally-led initiatives that are complimentary to the First Nations Justice Strategy.

SPEAKERS LIST:

- Knowledge Keeper Samuel Anderson
- Terry Teegee, B.C. Regional Chief and Co-Portfolio Holder
- Kyrie Tristary, Director, AFN Justice
- Stephane Bastien, Justice Canada Reconciliation Secretariat
- Kory Wilson, B.C. Justice Council



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Time	Agenda Item	Leads
3:00PM	Opening Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Samuel Anderson
3:05PM	Welcome and Introductions	Regional Chief Terry Teegee
3:10PM	Indigenous Justice Strategy Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An overview of IJS process and anticipated timelines	Stephane Bastien
3:20PM	First Nations Justice Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A summary of AFN contributions to a distinctions-based IJS chapter• Review of DR 27 <i>Ensure Full Implementation of the Indigenous Justice Strategy First Nations Chapter</i>	Kyrie Tristary
3:40PM	B.C. Justice Strategy and Regionally-led Initiatives	Kory Wilson
3:55PM	Facilitated Question and Answer Session	Kyrie Tristary
4:25PM	Closing Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Samuel Anderson