

A Journey Towards Truth and Reconciliation

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Trustee Professional Learning Module

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First Nation, Métis and Inuit Political Organizations

These organizations undertake as one of their main functions, political advocacy which includes some or all of the following: consultations and workshops; communications, public education, public awareness, and; policy or program development, design and research on behalf of its members.

Chiefs Of Ontario (COO)

The Chiefs of Ontario is an advocacy forum and secretariat for collective decision-making, action, and advocacy for the 133 First Nations communities located in Ontario. Guided by the Chiefs in Assembly, they uphold self-determination efforts of the Anishinaabek, Mushkegowuk, Onkwehon:we, and Lenape Peoples in protecting and exercising their inherent and Treaty rights. They have an Education Portal with links to many education resources.

Assembly of First Nations

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is a national advocacy organization representing First Nation citizens in Canada, which includes more than 900,000 people living in 634 First Nation communities and in cities and towns across the country.

The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA)

The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) is a not for profit organization that was established in 1971 to empower and support Indigenous women and their families throughout the province of Ontario.

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC)

The Native Women's Association of Canada is founded on the collective goal to enhance, promote, and foster the social, economic, cultural and political well-being of First Nations and Métis women within First Nation, Métis and Canadian societies. NWAC is an aggregate of thirteen Native women's organizations from across Canada and was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1974.

Métis Nation of Ontario

The Métis Nation of Ontario has built an accountable, results-based

provincial delivery structure to meet the socio-economic needs of its citizens and communities. Currently, the MNO delivers programs and services to its citizens through these branches: Healing and Wellness; Education and Training; Infinite Property Services; Lands, Resources and Consultation; and Economic Development.

Métis National Council

Since 1983, the MNC has represented the Métis Nation nationally and internationally. It receives its mandate and direction from the democratically elected leadership of the Métis Nation's governments from Ontario westward. Specifically, the MNC reflects and moves forward on the desires and aspirations of these Métis governments at the national and international level.

Women of the Métis Nation/ Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak

Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak, carrying on business as "Women of the Métis Nation" (WMN), is the national body that represents the interests of Métis Women and provides them a much-needed voice at the local, provincial, national and international level. It is WMN's primary goal to improve the lives and well-being of Métis Women and the Métis Nation.

Tungasuvvingat Inuit

Tungasuvvingat Inuit is an Inuit-specific, provincial service provider that provides social support, cultural activities, counselling and crisis intervention as a one-stop resource centre to meet the rapidly growing, complex and evolving needs of Inuit in Ontario.

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami serves as a national voice protecting and advancing the rights and interests of Inuit in Canada.

Pauktuutit: Inuit Women of Canada

Pauktuutit is the national representative organization of Inuit women in Canada.

The resources are intended as starting points for trustees wishing to learn more about Indigenous historical, political, cultural, and social topics. These links are offered for the sake of further interest and context, and are not intended to be authoritative or relied upon for complete accuracy, nor are they under the editorial control of the OESC or any member of its FNMI Steering Committee. If viewers have suggestions for additional resources, or find errors and broken links, please complete the feedback form that accompanies the module.

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