



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC STRATEGY

A blueprint for inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in the Canadian economy.

This Strategy presents four Strategic Pathways supported by 107 Calls to Economic Prosperity. Indigenous-led and driven, this Strategy guides governments, industry, and institutions in their reconciliative work and collaboration in rebuilding Indigenous economies.

1. PEOPLE VISION: The capacity of Indigenous Peoples is strengthened. Indigenous people are empowered to choose how they define, generate and redistribute wealth.

- **Indigenous Entrepreneurship:** Access to information, tools, capital, and support systems to build and grow successful businesses.
- **Leadership and Governance:** A new generation of Indigenous leaders on private sector, non-profit and other boards. Protection of Indigenous intellectual property and traditional knowledge.
- **Labour Force/Labour Markets:** A highly skilled, competitive, and world class Indigenous labour force for Canadian and global markets. Access to culturally appropriate education at all levels.
- **Social Capital:** Strengthened linkages between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians. Growth of social capital of Indigenous Peoples. Eradication of systemic racism. Indigenous Peoples are active participants in the economy.
- **Workplace:** Inclusive workplace strategies for Canadian employers that harness the human potential of all employees.

2. LANDS VISION: Indigenous jurisdiction. Recognition and validation of court decisions, international law, and United Nations' declarations. Resolution of all land claims.

- **Land Sovereignty:** Systemic barriers to land sovereignty are removed. Indigenous communities have the capacity, tools, and information to affirm and reclaim jurisdiction of their territories and traditional knowledge.
- **Land Management:** Indigenous communities have the tools, resources, knowledge, and rights to develop their land for sustainable economic development.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Indigenous Peoples are full participants in international climate change forums. The inherent role of Indigenous Peoples as stewards of the land, water, air, and natural resources is enshrined in law.



3. INFRASTRUCTURE VISION: Leading edge physical and institutional infrastructure and services are in place to ensure a prosperous Indigenous economy today and for future generations.

- **Physical Infrastructure:** Indigenous communities have the infrastructure necessary for health and prosperity, the capacity to participate in infrastructure development, and the ability to easily travel outside their communities, establish food sovereignty, access to technological connectivity, and ensure sustainable housing.
- **Institutional Infrastructure:** Indigenous institutions are established to support Indigenous prosperity, position Indigenous people to guide the development of policies and processes for public organiza-

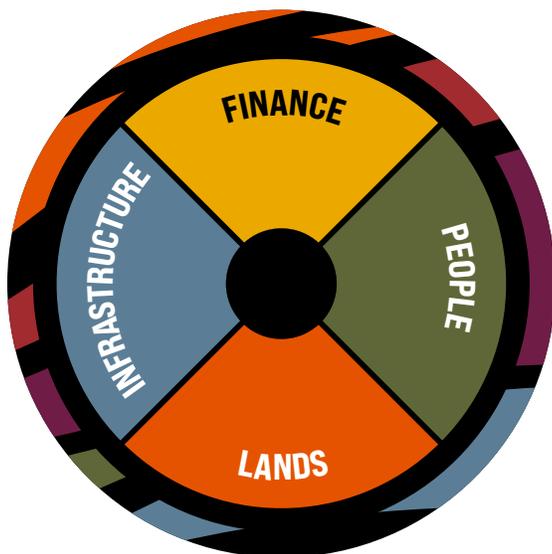
tions, and eliminate systemic racism from institutional policies, processes, and practices. All Canadians are educated on the history of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, through an Indigenous lens.

- **Financial Resources for Infrastructure:** Indigenous communities own and effectively manage infrastructure, trust funds, and settlements, and have the capacity to generate own-sourced revenues. Financial institutions view Indigenous communities, institutions, and businesses as viable investments.

4. FINANCE VISION: Indigenous Peoples and communities have the financial capital to achieve economic and social prosperity on their own terms.

- **Revenue Sources:** Indigenous Peoples have an equal voice in managing and benefiting from natural capital. Systemic and legislative barriers to accessing capital are removed. Indigenous Peoples receive money owed from legal settlements and are partners on all government approved projects.
- **Stimulus Funds:** Robust mechanisms are established to ensure economic prosperity. Incentives are in place to encourage investment in Indigenous economies. Aboriginal Financial Institutions have the capacity to fund all qualifying Indigenous businesses.

- **Procurement:** Industry social license to operate in the resource sector is linked to Indigenous participation and economic inclusion in corporate procurement. All levels of government and industry have mandatory Indigenous procurement targets. Indigenous Peoples control the definition of "Indigenous business". Corporations adopt Environmental, Social, Governance, and Indigenous (ESGI) principles.
- **Trade:** Indigenous free trade zones are recognized. The Government of Canada includes Indigenous peoples in all trade agreements. Existing Aboriginal and Treaty rights and honoured.



The National Indigenous Economic Strategy is designed to drive positive change, address long-standing inequities, and achieve inclusive growth for and with Indigenous communities. This Strategy presents pathways for Canada to be the global leader in upholding Indigenous rights. Implementation of the Strategy requires the purposeful engagement of governments, corporate Canada, institutions, and all Canadians.

