



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION COORDINATION UNIT

What has the TRC Coordination Unit worked on over the last quarter?

The work of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Coordination Unit, as a part of the Research and Policy Coordination Sector, supports the advocacy of National Chief Perry Bellegarde and the Executive Committee, and is continually driven by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action (CTAs).

The Research and Policy Coordination Sector has been working with the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) under the AFN-Canada Memorandum of Understanding on Joint Priorities (MOU) process to address the policies and priorities linked to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action (CTA). Planning for a future Senior Official's Meeting is underway to reflect on the progress made under the MOU, including work on implementing *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families* (CTA #4), implementing *An Act respecting Indigenous languages* (CTA #14), introducing legislation that implements the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (CTA #43), and the creation of a national action plan to address the Calls for Justice in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry Final Report from 2019 (CTA #41). The Sector also supports the National Chief in his advocacy to address issues that relate to the TRC's Calls to Action, including, but not limited to, those focused on inherent and Treaty land rights and sovereignty (CTAs #48-49), First Nations within the justice system and addressing systemic racism in these institutions (CTAs #50-52).

Are there recent current events or government action affecting your Sector or its priorities?

Due to the horizontal nature of the TRC Calls to Action, the TRC Coordination Unit coordinates the work of many Sectors in this regard. There has been coordination with several Government of Canada Departments on TRC priority issues that the Unit has been monitoring and incorporated into the latest iteration of the TRC Calls to Action Report Card. These include those identified above, as well as issues pertaining to health (CTAs #18-24), changes to the citizenship oath (CTAs #93-94), and education (CTAs #6-12).

What is your Sector planning for the future?

The Sector will continue to advocate for the implementation on all the TRC CTAs and provide regular updates on progress to First Nations and support to the organization, executive, and Chiefs-in-Assembly.

Currently, the Sector is planning the release of an updated shareable Report Card that assesses Canada's progress in realizing the TRC Calls to Action that will be available on the AFN website. This is expected this summer.

The Sector is also in the process of planning a Leader's Meeting in the fall that should advance discussions focused on addressing several priority issues linked to the CTAs.