

UNDA & ACTION PLAN IN CANADA



What is UNDA?

The **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDA)** of 2021 is a federal law that requires Canada to align its laws and policies with the **UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)**. The Act commits Canada legally to upholding Indigenous rights and towards genuine reconciliation.

Key Elements:

- ✓ Ensures federal legislation is consistent with **UNDRIP**.
- ✓ Requires the development of an **Action Plan** in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous peoples.
- ✓ Includes annual progress reports on implementation.



What is the UNDA Action Plan?

The **UNDA Action Plan**, released on June 21, 2023, outlines concrete steps to implement **UNDRIP** in Canada. It includes a total of 181 actions across various sectors to promote Indigenous rights and self-determination.

How Are We Involved?

- ✓ **Monitoring implementation** – Keeping governments accountable and monitoring progress.
- ✓ **Providing input** – Meeting with national and regional leadership.
- ✓ **Hosting information sessions** – Updating and gather feedback from community members.



First Nation Priorities in the UNDA Action Plan

First Nations priorities play a critical role in shaping the **UNDA Action Plan** by ensuring that Indigenous rights, needs, and aspirations are at the core of its implementation.

These priorities guide the plan in areas like self-determination, treaty rights, land stewardship, cultural preservation, and justice. By integrating First Nations leadership and perspectives, the **Action Plan** creates a path for meaningful reconciliation, fostering community empowerment, and ensuring First Nations are active partners in decisions that directly impact their lives and future.



Why Does This Matter for Epekwitk (PEI)?

- ✓ **UNDRIP** affirms the rights of our culture, land, and self-governance. The **Action Plan** helps to ensure that our rights are recognized and respected by Canada.
- ✓ **UNDA and the Action Plan** are critical milestones towards the enforcement of Indigenous rights in being known, defended, and implemented in policy and legislation. Engaged involvement is called for to ensure that these duties lead to concrete, effective action for First Nations in Epekwitk (PEI) and elsewhere.

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