

BC First Nations Climate Leadership Agenda



British Columbia
Assembly of First Nations

MANDATE

Resolution 07/2023 mandates BCAFN to work with First Nations in BC to develop the **First Nations Climate Leadership Agenda in British Columbia (the BC FNCL Agenda)** and ensure their recommendations and policy directions are fully considered in the Canada-wide First Nations Climate Leadership Agenda.

BACKGROUND

BC FIRST NATIONS CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AGENDA

Canada has committed to co-developing a distinction-based Indigenous Climate Leadership Agenda (ICLA) (Art. 46 UN Declaration Act Action Plan) that would build regional and national capacity and progressively place authority and resources for climate action in the hands of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples and representative organizations.

FIRST NATIONS CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AGENDA

The Joint Committee on Climate Action (AFN-Canada technical table) laid the foundation for the Climate Leadership Agenda specific for First Nations (FNCL Agenda).

INDIGENOUS CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AGENDA

BCAFN and Nagismist have joined forces to collaborate with First Nations Rights and Title holders in developing the FNCL Agenda in BC. The BC FNCL Agenda will complement the work undertaken by the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) to implement the BC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan.

The BC FNCL Agenda will inform the Canada-wide FNCL Agenda, ultimately shaping the ICLA. The ICLA will be presented to Cabinet and Treasury Board for implementation.

The FNCL Agenda will provide a **roadmap to ensure federal climate policy and legislation:**

Respect and support the exercise of self-determination and Title, Rights and Treaty Rights

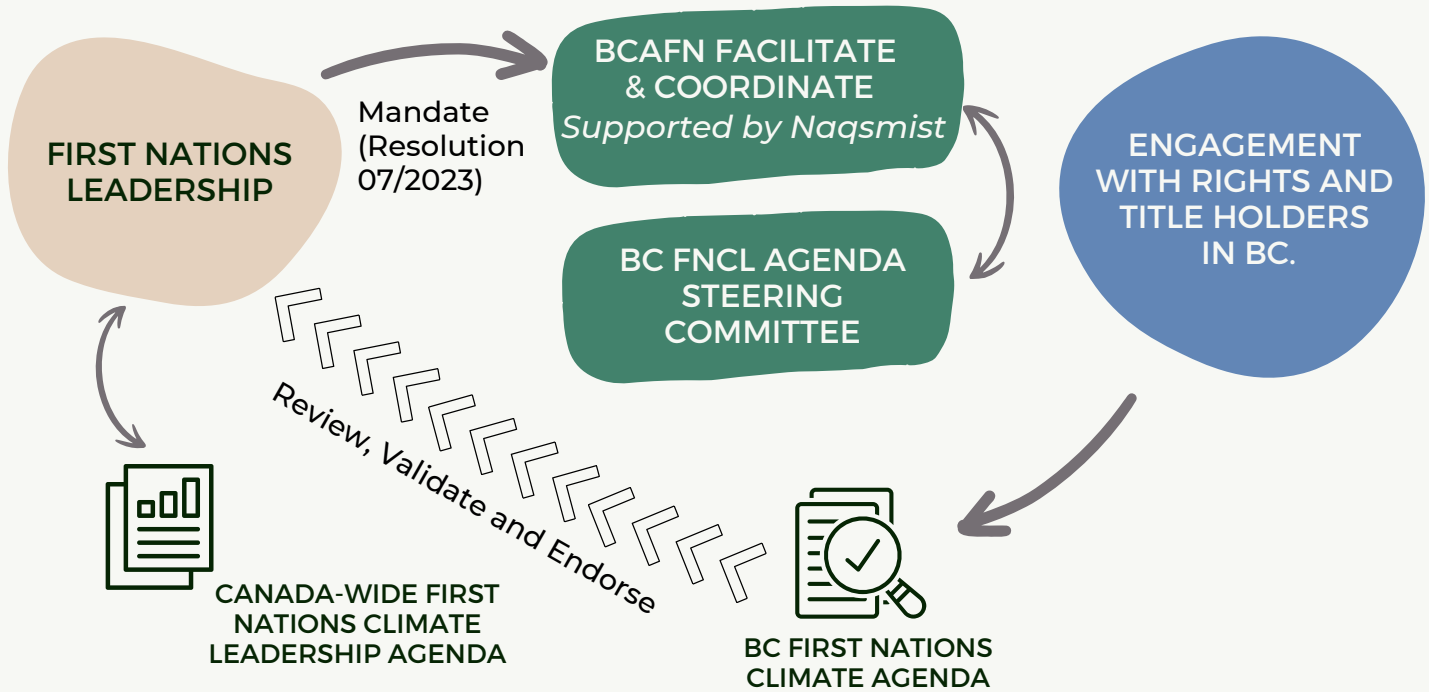
Empowers First Nations' meaningful involvement in national climate governance.

Ensures appropriate federal support consistent with Canada's fiduciary obligations.

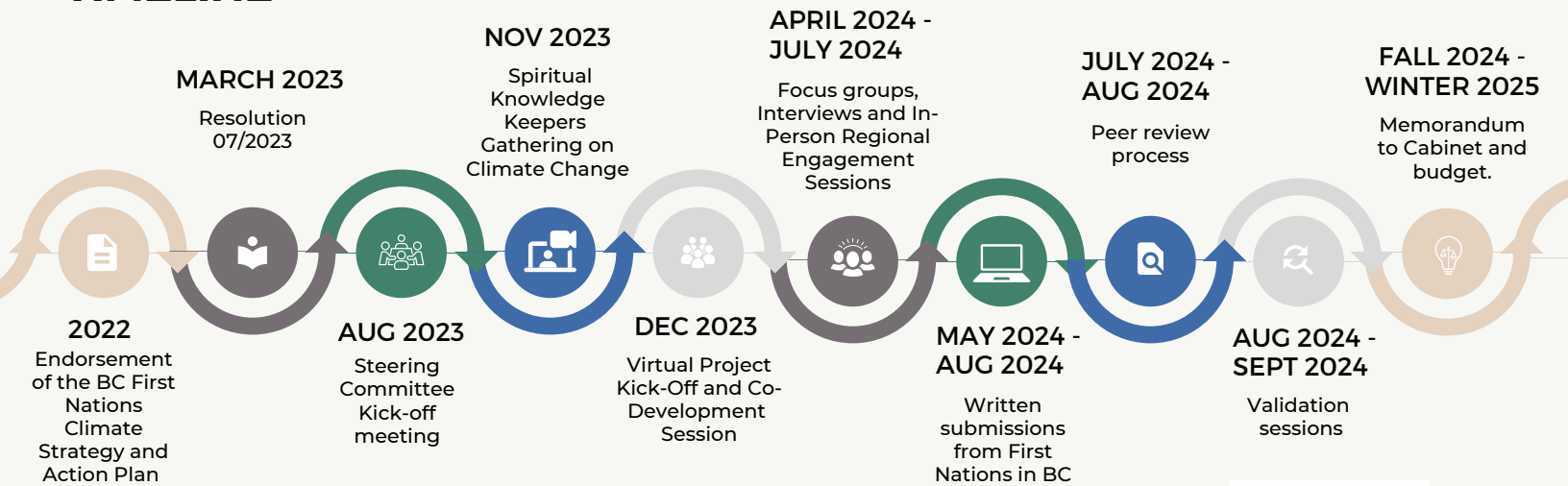
WHAT ARE SOME OF THE KEY ISSUES WE HEARD SO FAR ?

- Systemic inequities and discrimination have led to a history of distrust.
- Transition to self-determination.
- Urgent need to restore the balance of the natural world.
- Lack of First Nation involvement in decision-making.
- Few meaningful opportunities for change.
- Limited capacity to participate.
- Uncoordinated and siloed federal system.

HOW WE ENVISION THE PROCESS



TIMELINE



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?



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