

**ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE  
REPORT TO THE EVALUATION, PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE  
AS OF MARCH 31, 2010**

<b>TREATIES AND ABORIGINAL GOVERNMENT- IMPLEMENTATION BRANCH</b>			
<b>Evaluation of Comprehensive Land Claim Agreements (200748) AEC APPROVAL DATE: 26/FEB/2009</b>			
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<p>1. In partnership with Aboriginal organizations and other federal departments and agencies, consider leading the establishment of a policy for the implementation of comprehensive land claims which would clarify roles and responsibilities and the federal approach to implementing CLCAs.</p>	<p>Implementation Branch is in the process of establishing the principles, processes and clarified roles and responsibilities within the federal government required to implement land claim and self-government agreements in a comprehensive manner, and will continue to engage with other government departments and agencies and Aboriginal groups as this work progresses.</p>	<p>To Be Completed September 2009 - Establishment of Guidelines</p>	<p><b>Status: Ongoing- Revised completion date September 2010.</b></p> <p><b>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010:</b></p> <p>The guidelines for implementers across the federal government are currently being developed. These will provide practical advice and direction to federal officials who have responsibility relating to the implantation of modern treaties, as well as raise awareness around corporate roles, responsibilities and considerations.</p> <p><b>AES:</b> EPMRC accepts extension and will continue to monitor action item</p>
<p>2. Work with central agencies and other federal departments and agencies to establish a senior-level working group charged with overseeing issues that may arise in agreement implementation.</p>	<p>A proposal to establish an implementation management framework, including a senior level cross-government committee, is being developed.</p> <p>In the interim, the Federal Steering Committee, made up of senior</p>	<p>To be Completed June 2009 - As per the Federal Steering Committee</p> <p>March 2010 - Establishment of a Committee</p>	<p><b>Status: Complete</b></p> <p><b>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010:</b></p> <p>The implementation management framework, including a senior level cross-government committee, was approved by the Federal Steering</p>

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	representatives from other government departments and central agencies, have agreed to provide an oversight function. The proposal will go to the Federal Steering Committee in June 2009.		<p>Committee on December 14, 2009.</p> <p>Pilot Regional Caucuses over the next year in the Atlantic, BC and NWT regions. These regions will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine if existing regional forums/process can accommodate implementation items.</li> </ul> <p>Pilot to be evaluated in 2012/13 for effectiveness.</p> <p><b>AES:</b> Close</p>
3. Work in partnership with Aboriginal and provincial/territorial signatories to set specific objectives, establish targets, monitor progress and take remedial action as required to properly implement agreements.	<p>Phase 1: Enhanced Treaty Obligation Monitoring System to track federal obligations.</p> <p>Phase 2: Develop tools to promote use of results-based management.</p> <p>Pilot with signatories on a new approach for annual reports that focus on joint practices, indicators, monitoring and reporting.</p> <p>The principles of the department's SMART reporting initiative will be applied</p>	<p>To be Completed: October 2009 -Treaty Obligation Monitoring System in Place</p> <p>March 2010 - Pilot Annual Report</p>	<p><b>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010:</b></p> <p><b>Status: Phase 1 – Completed</b></p> <p>TOMS went live as of April 1, 2010. Improvements include: Tracks the status of obligations (i.e. one-time obligations complete or overdue/ongoing up-to-date or overdue), enhanced search and report function.</p> <p><b>Phase 2 - Underway</b></p> <p>INAC is currently drafting a set of Annual Reports guidelines that focus on making the reports more result-based.</p>

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	to this exercise.		Discussions have taken place with Inuvialuit Final Agreement Implementation Committee members to revise future annual reports, containing more result based information. Parties are aiming to have the new format for the 2008-2009 annual report which is expected to be completed by April 2010. The Gwich'in and Sahtu Implementation Committee members are also discussing revising their annual reports. They expect to have the new format ready for the 2009-2010 annual report.  <b>AES:</b> EPMRC will continue to monitor action item
4. Work with land and resource management boards to streamline and strengthen consultative processes and identify training and administrative needs.	Board Relations Secretariat to identify key issues/barriers.  INAC continues to work on a federal response to the McCrank report and is committed to engaging partners and regulators in an action plan to move forward by summer 2009.	To be Completed: August 2009 - Action Plan	<b>Status: Complete</b>  <b>Update/Rationale:</b> <b>As of 31/03/2010:</b>  The Department conducted a survey of Board training recipients in 2009/2010 to evaluate previous year's initiatives and preliminary results are very positive. On behalf of the NWT Board Forum, the Board Relations Secretariat in the NWT Region coordinated two administrative law, and one technical law course for Board members in 2009/2010, and supported other training for Board "Hearings". Orientation Course materials and associated teaching guide will be ready for the distribution early Spring. As part of regulatory improvement, it is planned that all new Board

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			members should take the Orientation Course within one year of being appointed as well as receiving the orientation Binder on appointment.  <b>AES:</b> Close
5. Promote training and business development tailored to northern needs and circumstances, taking into account the high cost of delivering programs in the North.	<p>Work with individual signatory groups on specific economic development initiatives.</p> <p>Support development of a new federal framework for Aboriginal economic development.</p> <p>Support development of northern economic development office.</p> <p>To be implemented by the Northern Regional Development Agency when established.</p>	Started January 2009	<p><b>Status: Complete</b></p> <p><b>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010:</b></p> <p>The Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency is responsible for delivering economic development programming in the three territories; coordinating economic policy and programs at the regional level; and, where appropriate, will serve as a delivery agent for other federal departments. The agency's purpose is to (1) encourage business development in the territories, (2) foster Northern Community Development, and (3) research, develop new policy, and advocate northern interests within the federal system.</p> <p>Northern Federal economic development programs will for the first time be housed in an Agency with the Northern economic development as its core purpose. The Agency will also deliver two new programs announced as part of Canada's Economic Action Plan: the Community Adjustments Fund</p>

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			<p>(CAF) and Recreational Infrastructure Canada RInC).</p> <p>It will also house a new Northern project Management Office (NPMO) as a core service within CanNor. The NPMO will be in charge of coordinating the work of all federal players involved in natural resource development projects in the three territories and in the Arctic offshore, and coordinating Aboriginal consultation efforts. It will engage with stakeholders to further tailor its activities and programs to the unique needs of the territories and differing circumstances in each territory.</p> <p>On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the Minister announced a new “Federal framework for Aboriginal Economic Development” that will focus the Federal Government’s actions – from programs to legislation to partnerships – to increase the participation of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in the Canadian economy and improve economic actions for Aboriginal peoples in all parts of Canada.</p> <p>This new framework will adopt a modern and comprehensive approach to Aboriginal economic development that is opportunity-driven and puts emphasis on building strategic partnerships with Aboriginal groups, the private sector, and the provinces and territories.</p> <p>The Framework will maximize federal investments by: strengthening Aboriginal entrepreneurship;</p>

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			<p>enhancing the value of Aboriginal assets; forging new and effective partnerships to maximize economic development opportunities; developing Aboriginal human capital; and better focusing the role of the Federal Government.</p> <p><b>AES:</b> Close</p>