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Evaluation of Comprehensive Land Claim Agreements (200748)

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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.	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.	To Be Completed September 2009 - Establishment of Guidelines	Status: Request to Close (Fully Implemented) Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2011: The Guide for Federal Implementers of Land Claims and Self-Government Agreements was approved by Federal Caucus in September, 2010. The guide provides up-to-date information for implementers to assist in fulfilling Canada's legal obligations. AES: Closed – Fully Implemented
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.	A proposal to establish an implementation management framework, including a senior level cross-government committee, is being developed. In the interim, the Federal Steering Committee, made up of senior 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.	To be Completed June 2009 - As per the Federal Steering Committee March 2010 - Establishment of a Committee	Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010: The implementation management framework, including a senior level cross-government committee, was approved by the Federal Steering Committee on December 14, 2009. Pilot Regional Caucuses over the next year in the Atlantic, BC and NWT regions. These regions will be asked to: • Determine if existing regional forums/process can accommodate

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			implementation items. Pilot to be evaluated in 2012/13 for effectiveness. AES: Closed – Fully Implemented
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.	Phase 1: Enhanced Treaty Obligation Monitoring System to track federal obligations. Phase 2: Develop tools to promote use of results-based management. Pilot with signatories on a new approach for annual reports that focus on joint practices, indicators, monitoring and reporting. The principles of the department's SMART reporting initiative will be applied to this exercise.	To be Completed: October 2009 -Treaty Obligation Monitoring System in Place March 2010 - Pilot Annual Report	Status: Phase 1 – Completed 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. Status: Phase 2 - Request to Close (Fully Implemented) Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2011: The Treaty Obligations Monitoring System allows us to track the status of Canada's obligations and AANDC has started preparing to share it with other government departments and agencies. AANDC has been reporting with other government departments its contracting and procurement costs within Comprehensive Land Claim areas. Over 1500 departmental contracting and project managers from over 20 departments have been trained.
			AANDC has prioritized the revitalization of Annual

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			Reports, and improving the relevance of reporting, at all Implementation Committees. New approaches are already being instituted with some signatory partners. Guidelines for Annual Reports are also being developed. Moreover, TAG is undertaking a joint approach to the development of Performance Measurement Strategies with Aboriginal governments. AES: Closed – Fully Implemented
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	Status: Closed Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010: 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 and 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 members should take the Orientation Course within one year of being appointed as well as

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			receiving the orientation Binder on appointment. AES: Closed – Fully Implemented
5. Promote training and business development tailored to northern needs and circumstances, taking into account the high cost of delivering programs in the North.	Work with individual signatory groups on specific economic development initiatives. Support development of a new federal framework for Aboriginal economic development. Support development of northern economic development office. To be implemented by the Northern Regional Development Agency when established.	Started January 2009	Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010: 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. 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 (CAF) and Recreational Infrastructure Canada RInC). 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

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			human capital; and better focusing the role of the Federal Government.