

A blue-tinted image of two hands shaking, symbolizing agreement or partnership, positioned in the top left corner of the slide.

ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC FORUM

Outcomes from OFNEF: Frameworks for Action

January 15, 2010

A blue-tinted image of two hands shaking, symbolizing agreement or partnership, located in the top left corner of the slide.

ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC FORUM

Resource Development

Summary of Draft Framework

- Topics to be considered:
 1. Energy
 2. Mining
 3. Forestry
 4. Environment
 5. Resource Benefits Sharing
- Goal: to identify clear, practical ways to work together to promote First Nations economic development.
- Other objectives:
 1. Relationship building
 2. Including First Nations in all aspects of the economy in addition to local economies
 3. Including First Nations in Ontario's economic recovery
 4. Furthering the idea of **sustainable** growth
 5. Ensuring that participants in the forum have information to take away
 6. Ensuring follow-up commitments, tracking of progress and implementation
 7. Building on successes and progress to-date

Break-out sessions: What we heard

Planning

- Be ready to move - importance of organization, pre-planning
- Need to develop community plans – ‘community vision’ (led by EDOs and leadership)
- Improved workforce/human resource planning with resource industries and institutions
- Measuring success – economic, social and cultural health of both on and off reserve members

Capacity

- Increased and more coordinated EDO training, particularly in resource development/planning
- Importance of alliances/partnerships between First Nations – mentorship and role models between communities (need for champions)
- Remove disincentives offered to continuing education by one-off resource jobs
- Building government capacity too so that government becomes First Nation development champions

Break-out sessions: What we heard

Information Sharing/Awareness

- One-window for government for approvals – streamline process, one-stop shop
- Issues identification – clarity on which is the lead ministry/department on particular initiatives, clarity on when to approach a community vs. tribal council vs. PTO
- Increased awareness/public education and understanding of First Nations to improve relationships, partnerships, opportunities for resource development

Opportunity

- Seize and find the opportunities (direct and indirect opportunities, integrated approach)
- Resource development which: (a) preserves traditional economy/practices, (b) considers future generations
- First Nations leading the green economy – linking First Nations communities (diesel communities) with cap and trade opportunities (carbon capture)
- Importance of balance, acknowledging First Nations equity

Moving Forward with Action Plans

Immediate action: COO, Ontario and Canada immediately review capacity needs of small communities dealing with large energy projects to provide immediate capacity assistance.

Short Term	Medium Term	Long Term
<p>Inventory of involved parties ('Who's who')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventory of organizations involved in economic development, including a description of the organizations' role in supporting economic development as well as key contact information <p>Sharing resource experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Profiling the benefits of partnerships and highlighting what is currently working 	<p>Mapping provincial/federal/First Nations programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure a library of information is available to economic development practitioners <p>'How-To' Guides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist First Nations in resource development and partnership building Guides will be modelled on the Ontario Environmental Assessment Toolkit Potential future guides include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing/Negotiating IBAs Partnering with Businesses Getting Involved in the Resource Sector How do First Nations work with education sector - employment training and economic development 	<p>First Nations Community Profiles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Nations would lead the development of their profiles Profiles will signal to industry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which communities have what capacity Which communities are 'open for business' in what sectors How to engage with the community/who to contact Final profiles will be publicly accessible <p>Develop community economic development planning templates and supports.</p>

A blue-tinted image of two hands shaking, symbolizing agreement or partnership, positioned in the top left corner of the slide.

ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC FORUM

Socio-Economic Development

Summary of Socio-Economic Draft Framework

How Do We Stimulate Socio-Economic Growth?

- Develop First Nations youth entrepreneurs.
- Make sure appropriate people and supports are available to advise entrepreneurs and business owners on how to develop and grow their businesses.
- Expand broadband infrastructure and connectivity to enable First Nations access to e-services in areas such as business, education and health.

Break-out sessions: What we heard

To help First Nations entrepreneurs grow their businesses :

- Increase access to base funding vs. serial applications for ad hoc programs/projects;
- Make application processes less onerous (reduce red tape);
- Address equity requirements that currently prevent First Nations participation in programs, business ventures, etc.;
- Consider co-op model for First Nations start-ups;
- Teach business skills in school; and
- Apprentice First Nations youth with successful First Nations business owners to teach entrepreneurial skills .

Break-out sessions: What we heard

To encourage First Nations youth entrepreneurship:

- Introduce business ownership concepts in elementary school (curricula should be relevant to First Nations communities and youth);
- Make training available to both on–and-off reserve youth;
- Provide strong role models including First Nations business owners as well as Chiefs and Council;
- Link Youth Leadership Councils to entrepreneurship training, mentors and other resources;
- Provide tools and data to help youth identify good business opportunities; and
- Create a culture that supports risk-taking and perseverance for entrepreneurial success.

Break-out sessions: What we heard

To ensure First Nations can access and use broadband for economic development:

- Use a multi-government/private sector approach to address infrastructure
- Where is funding coming from? Need the long-term commitment of all parties
- Need to fund all First Nations so there is no competition for money
- Map or build a database of location/level of broadband connectivity
- Use existing vehicles - e.g., Chiefs Advisory Councils –to build knowledge base and to communicate
- Make broadband a mandatory component of infrastructure and private sector partnered projects
- Employ First Nations consultants or company representatives to work with First Nations to expand coverage and training, etc.
- Balance new technology, infrastructure development with traditional knowledge, lifestyle, resources, environment

Break-out sessions: What we heard

- Make communities aware of the benefits of broadband (e.g., language programs, connecting artisans to global markets, First Nations tourism opportunities)
- Provide broad training on how to use computers/internet but also provide training to enable First Nations to maintain the computers, systems, etc.
- Build awareness/skills re how to use internet and e-business to grow your business
- Ensure there are mentors and champions within First Nations communities
- Increase funding available for research and development into internet, satellite and other technologies to ensure First Nations, particularly in the Far North stay current with advancements in technology

Moving Forward with Action Plans

Business Capacity Development	Youth Entrepreneurship	Broadband
<p>Develop greater capacity to provide advice and support to First Nations entrepreneurs looking to start or grow small businesses, especially in First Nations communities, similar in concept to the Small Business Enterprise Centres currently operating throughout Ontario</p> <p>Provide training to EDO staff build their capacity to help businesses start up and grow</p> <p>Develop a targeted curriculum to expose First Nations youth to concepts of owning and operating a business, particularly for use in Boards of Education serving First Nations communities</p> <p>Support the development of an Ontario government procurement strategy to promote First Nations business development</p> <p>Build a database of all First Nations programs that support business development, including those operated by Aboriginal Financial Institutions</p> <p>Educate private sector on how to do business with First Nations</p>	<p>“What we heard” is to be the subject of a meeting with the First Nations Youth Council to identify priorities and develop the action plan</p>	<p>Invite interested parties to continue to work on the development of the ideas we heard at the Forum</p>

A blue-tinted image of two hands shaking, symbolizing partnership or agreement, positioned in the top left corner of the slide.

ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC FORUM

Relationship and Partnerships

Consultation / Accommodation

- What are the ways to gather and promote First Nation consultation protocols.
 - What is best way to share them
 - How can business best get the information
 - Who does it

Relationships

What we heard	Proposed Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Respect Treaties – We are all Treaty People.•Public Education of Treaties – both amongst FN themselves as well as Govt and Industry	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Understand and build trust with the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Take the time to build relationships.•Clarity on who to talk to
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Level the playing field – FNs have alot less resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Education, training, more capacity funding, greater expertise.•Longer term and timely financial commitments from government

Relationships

What we heard	Proposed Actions
•Information Sharing about projects and activities	•Web-based information sources
•A more collaborative approach to developing policies and programs with Govt and FNs	•
•Natural Resource final decisions (approvals) are made by government	•Creation of Regional based decisions

Partnerships

What we heard	Proposed Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The partnership must be fair and equitable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •FNs provided with sufficient resources to negotiate fair agreements •Sharing profits through Impact Benefit Agreements (IBAs) and Resource Benefit Sharing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Participation must be in all aspects of the partnership– “not just holding a shovel or planting a tree” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Education and training •Integrated into IBAs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To create FN and industry forum to create partnerships and a better understanding of business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ontario Chamber of Commerce, FN and Government to host forums on an annual or semi-annual basis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •FNs need to develop linkages on a Nation to Nation basis as well as outside of the FN community and internationally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Conduct market research to find out how to take advantage of opportunities •Need to look at new business models¹⁸

Partnerships

What we heard	Proposed Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cost of doing a development with FNs need to be built into the project by industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Build into business plans, new business models and legislation (Green Energy Act/FIT Program) •Allocations/set asides specific for FNs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Industry can't be the solution for all challenges in a community 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Different types of partnerships – moral, legal, political and business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Separate the business from politics (all parties need to do this)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Eliminate the Red Tape associated with access to capital and setting up a business. There is a need to support entrepreneurs. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •There is a need to harmonize laws (FN, Provincial and Federal Government laws) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dialogue between all parties

Consultation and Accommodation

What we heard	Proposed Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Don't forget accommodation & consent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Need to share consultation protocols/templates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAA,INAC, COO, First Nations all have websites: Need to coordinate and link up •Need to get approvals, to collect and share •Through NRF MAA has some protocols to start
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Remove legislative barriers (Mining Act and Green Energy Act) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Incorporate the requirement for consultation and accommodation in legislation •Include information to be shared with First Nations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Government has the duty to consult. It needs to clearly educate industry on consultation and accommodation. 	<p>Gov't provide a guide to private sector of how to's</p>

Consultation and Accommodation

What we heard	Proposed Actions
•First Nations need access to technical expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•First Nations need to share and coordinate experience•Need funding to acquire outside experts e.g. NRF•Need to train First Nations people and perhaps create expertise pools like FNTI•Need IT such as video conference•Develop case studies to share