



# ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC FORUM

## What have we accomplished?

We've begun to transform the relationship and taken the first steps forward in collaboration

### SUMMARY OVERVIEW of PRELIMINARY KEY ELEMENTS :

- 1. Commitment to ongoing work:**
  - Maintain engagement of senior officials from all levels
  - Create linkages to expand the circle of everyone that needs to be involved/ engaged
  - confirming / approving action plans through respective processes
- 2. Reporting/ accounting of what has been said here:**
  - Communiqué out today – Jan 15, 2010
  - Video and conference proceedings and materials posted on-line by end of January
  - Updates posted regularly either directly to participants and/or through on-line updated Forum on COO website with links to MAA and INAC
- 3. Tracking and implementation**
  - Initial Report card within 6-8 months on implementation and progress
  - Linkage to other forums to ensure solid communication of outcomes and ongoing communication – AOCC, Council of the Federation - Aboriginal Affairs Ministers Working Group, Annual Premier's meeting with leadership, EDO meetings
- 4. Confirmed Short-term Actions (highlights):**

**Who's who directory:** publically/easily accessible and a one stop source of information for EDOs and community leaders

**Community socio-economic plans and profiles:**

- To build consensus and confirm community direction and interest
- Support and tools needed for EDOs and linkages to BDOs and other resources

- Mapping of territories- capturing traditional knowledge and exercising/ clarifying rights and responsibilities
- First Nation alliances confirmed to drive economic opportunity and stabilize capacity

#### **Procurement**

- New Ontario commitment announced here to advance cross-Ministry Aboriginal procurement policy and to jointly develop a procurement strategy
- Clarifying Federal policies and position to maximize socio-economic benefit to First Nations

#### **Chamber of Commerce**

- Exploring and advancing pilot to advance direct link to industry and First Nations
- Market research mandate to support and identify opportunity

#### **Public Education**

- Confirmed key need for awareness and education
- Strategy needed on targeted as well as broad approaches
- Common curriculum development
- Potential Link to Treaty Commission

#### **Broad-band / Connectivity**

- tripartite working group on broadband planning to understand gaps and advance strategic approach

5. Commitment to **further development** and to capture other outcomes as well as medium and longer-term