



# The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan FAQ

## What is the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (the Act)?

The Act is a Canadian law that implements the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#). Under the Act, the Government of Canada is legally obligated to take all measures necessary, in consultation and cooperation with Métis, First Nations, and Inuit to ensure all laws are consistent with the UN Declaration.

The Act also requires Canada to prepare and implement an Action Plan to achieve the objectives of the UN Declaration, in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous peoples.

The Action Plan was tabled in Parliament in June 2023.

## What is the UN Declaration Act Action Plan (the Action Plan)?

The Action Plan is a commitment by Canada to undertake some 150 measures to implement the Declaration and further reconciliation. Some measures apply to the Métis Nation specifically, and some apply to all Indigenous Peoples. The Action Plan is the result of work together between Government of Canada departments, the Métis Nation, and other Indigenous governments and representative institutions. Much work remains to be done to implement the measures in the Action Plan in consultation, cooperation, and co-development with the Métis Nation, and other Indigenous governments and representative institutions moving forward.

## What changes now that the Act exists?

The Act affirms that the UN Declaration applies in Canadian law and that the Act upholds the rights of Indigenous peoples recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

With passage of the Act in 2021, all Canadian laws must be consistent with the UN Declaration. Measures to ensure this consistency must be taken by Canada in consultation and cooperation with Métis, First Nations, and Inuit Governments, representative institutions.



## What changes now that the Act exists continued.

The Act also requires Canada to prepare an Action Plan, in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous peoples, to achieve the objectives of the UN Declaration. The Action Plan was tabled in Parliament in June 2023 and contains more than 150 commitments by Canada to implement the UN Declaration and further reconciliation.

The Action Plan includes measures to address injustices and combat prejudice and eliminate all forms of violence, racism and discrimination, including systemic racism and discrimination against Indigenous peoples and Indigenous Elders, youth, children, women, men, persons with disabilities and gender-diverse persons and two-spirit persons.

## Who will ensure the Act is bring followed?

The Act is binding on the Government of Canada as Canadian law passed by Parliament.

In addition, the Act requires that the Action Plan include measures related to monitoring, oversight, recourse or remedy or other accountability measures with respect to the implementation of the Declaration.

The Métis Nation – together with Canada, First Nations, and Inuit governments and representative institutions – are working to create a concrete accountability mechanism that includes just and fair remedies for Indigenous peoples moving forward.

## Where can I learn more?

Learn more about the Act

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/U-2.2/FullText.html>

Learn more about the Action Plan.

<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/declaration/ap-pa/ah/index.html>

