

Full Agenda — DRAFT
Last Updated: February 19, 2023

| Monday, February 20 | | |
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| TIME (EST) | EVENT | ROOM |
| 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Registration Open Rules & Credentials Open | Coat Check |
| 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | NCAI Youth Commission meet-and-greet with NCAI Executive Committee | South American <i>Closed to Public</i> |
| 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | NCAI Fund Board Meeting | South American <i>Closed to Public</i> |
| 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | NCAI Executive Committee Meeting | South American <i>Closed to Public</i> |
| Tuesday, February 21 | | |
| TIME (EST) | EVENT | ROOM |
| 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Registration Open Rules & Credentials Open | Coat Check |
| 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | VAWA Task Force <i>The Task Force on Violence Against Women (VAWA) serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against American Indian and Alaska Native women. Today task force members will highlight tribal programs that prevent and address violence against women in Indian Country, examine national and international violence against women policy work, and coordinate efforts to strengthen future reauthorizations of the Violence Against Women Act.</i> | Federal B <i>Closed to Press</i> |
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | State of Indian Nations <i>National Congress of American Indians President Fawn Sharp will deliver the annual State of Indian Nations Address. RSVP is required.</i> <i>Youth Speech</i> | NMAI <i>(Rasmuson Theater)</i> |

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| | <p>Caleb Dash, <i>Co-President, NCAI Youth Commission</i> Yanenowi Logan, <i>Co-President, NCAI Youth Commission</i></p> <p><i>State of Indian Nations Address</i> Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i></p> <p><i>Congressional Response Speech (virtual remarks)</i> Elizabeth Warren, <i>U.S. Senator from Massachusetts</i></p> | |
| 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | <p>State of Indian Nations Watch Party <i>Join other Executive Council Winter Session attendees to watch the State of Indian Nations address delivered by President Fawn Sharp on the big screen</i></p> | Congressional |
| 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | <p>24th Annual NCAI Leadership Awards Banquet <i>The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) will honor three distinguished leaders in Indian Country at NCAI's 24th Annual Leadership Awards Ceremony at its Executive Council Winter Session (ECWS). The awards are presented annually to individuals, groups, or organizations who serve as champions in their respective fields.</i></p> | Presidential Ballroom |
| 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | <p>New Member Orientation <i>All members are invited to join us at this informative session on membership, committees, voting, and more.</i></p> | California |
| <p>NCAI Task Force Sessions (Part 1 of 2) <i>Please note that Task Forces and Workshops are open and do not require registration for NCAI's Executive Council Winter Session.</i></p> | | |
| 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | <p>Federal Recognition Task Force <i>The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribal nations, both federally and non-federally recognized, regarding changes to the tribal acknowledgement process.</i></p> | Federal A |
| 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | <p>Transportation Task Force <i>The NCAI-ITA Joint Transportation Task Force is focused on building a unified advocacy approach to tribal transportation development and legislative reauthorization to promote safety and prosperity in tribal communities and to ensure the United States upholds its government-to-government relationship with Tribal Nations.</i></p> | Senate |
| 2:00 p.m. - | Peyote Working Group | Statler A&B |

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| 3:30 p.m | <i>The NCAI Peyote Task Force will discuss the current landscape of Peyote conservation and preservation. This task force will focus on barriers to American Indian Religious Freedom and challenges the Native American Church faces.</i> | |
| 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Working with Congress 101 <i>Get the most out of your Congressional meetings by attending this training session for tribal leaders. Participants will learn proven strategies for how to have effective Congressional meetings. Information will also be shared about key Congressional leadership changes, priorities for the 118th Congress, and educating new members of Congress about tribal governments.</i> | Pan American Closed to Press |
| <p>NCAI Task Force Sessions (Part 2 of 2)</p> <p><i>Please note that Task Forces and Workshops are open and do not require registration for NCAI's Executive Council Winter Session.</i></p> | | |
| 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Climate Action Task Force <i>The working mission of the Climate Action Task Force is to "document, inform, and support the climate action efforts of Tribal Nations and native organizations, and identify and advocate for policies and funding designed to empower their ability to engage in effective, sustainable climate action." This task force meeting will provide an overview of administrative and congressional updates to improve and expand federal support for tribal climate actions.</i> | Senate |
| 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Native Languages Task Force <i>Developments in Native languages have taken place at the tribal, state, and federal policy levels. Tribal nations are taking innovative approaches to revitalizing their languages, and states are adopting Native languages as official state languages. This is an open session of the Native Languages Task Force to discuss Native American language protection and revitalization from tribal leaders' perspectives.</i> | California |
| 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Understanding the Federal Budget <i>An overview of how the federal budget process and its importance to Indian Country.</i> | Pan American Closed to Press |
| 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | FDPIR Briefing Session for Tribal Leaders <i>This briefing session, hosted by the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI) and the National Association of</i> | Federal A |

| | <p><i>Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (NAFDPIR), will assist in preparing any Tribal leaders, proxy holders, and Tribal staff interested in attending the FDPIR consultation with USDA that is taking place on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd. IFAI and NAFDPIR staff will provide educational resources on FDPIR issues, discuss the upcoming 2023 Farm Bill and potential impact on FDPIR, and brief Tribal leaders on previous consultation successes.</i></p> | |
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| 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | <p>NCAI Reception and Special Recognition Ceremony for Indian Health Care Warriors <i>In honor of the historic passage of advanced appropriations for the Indian Health Service (IHS), NCAI invites all registered attendees to attend a reception that will honor the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) and the National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) for their herculean efforts to get advanced appropriations passed. Registered attendees are also invited to engage with one another and explore the National Museum of the American Indian after hours. The reception will include light refreshments and music.</i></p> | NMAI (Potomac Atrium) |
| Wednesday, February 22 | | |
| TIME (EST) | EVENT | ROOM |
| 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Registration Open Rules & Credentials Open | Coat Check |
| 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | First General Assembly | Presidential Ballroom |
| 8:30 | <p>Call to Order and Welcome Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i></p> | |
| 8:35 | <p>Invocation Reggie Tupponce, <i>Tribal Administrator, Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe</i></p> | |
| 8:40 | <p>President's Report Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i></p> | |
| 9:00 | Executive Director's Report | |

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| | Larry Wright, Jr., <i>Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians</i> | |
| 9:15 | Department of Labor Update Julie Su, <i>Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor</i> | |
| 9:30 | White House Update Daron Carreiro, <i>Senior Policy Advisor for Native Affairs, White House Domestic Policy Council</i> PaaWee Rivera, <i>Senior Advisor to the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Director of Tribal Affairs for the Biden-Harris Administration</i> | |
| 10:00 | Department of the Housing and Urban Development Update Heidi Frechette, <i>Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</i> | |
| 10:15 | Indian Affairs Update Bryan Newland, <i>Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior</i> | |
| 10:40 | Broadband in Indian Country <i>A panel discussion on recent progress toward closing the digital divide in Indian Country. Join us for a conversation with federal officials and Tribal telecom advocates to break down recent administrative actions toward broadband affordability, advancement, and adaptability.</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Godfrey Enjady, <i>General Manager, Mescalero Apache Telecom Inc.</i> <i>Panelists:</i> Doug Kinkolph, <i>Associate Administrator, Office of Internet Connectivity & Growth - National Telecommunications and Information Administration</i> Bambi Kraus, <i>Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Federal Communications Commission</i> Sayuri Rajapakse, <i>Tribal Liaison, Broadband Data Task Force, Federal Communications Commission</i> | |

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| | <p>Heidi Todacheene, <i>Senior Advisor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior</i></p> <p>Danae Wilson, <i>Assistant Director for Internet Access, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy</i></p> | |
| 11:30 | <p>Update on the Federal Indian Boarding School Policies Act</p> <p>Deborah Parker, <i>CEO, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition</i></p> | |
| 11:45 | <p>Center for Native American Youth Update</p> <p>Allison Binney, <i>Chair, Board of Advisors, Center for Native American Youth</i></p> | |
| 11:55 | Closing Remarks | |
| 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | BREAK | |
| 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Second General Assembly | Presidential Ballroom |
| 1:30 | <p>Call to Order</p> <p>Mark Macarro, <i>1st Vice-President, National Congress of American Indians</i></p> | |
| 1:35 | <p>Department of Agriculture (USDA) Update</p> <p>Heather Dawn Thompson, <i>Director, Office of Tribal Relations, U.S. Department of Agriculture</i></p> | |
| 1:55 | <p>Farm Bill Reauthorization and the 118th Congress</p> <p><i>A panel discussion to look at the upcoming Farm Bill reauthorization and to discuss Indian Country's priorities for the legislation.</i></p> <p><i>Video Remarks:</i></p> <p>Senator Debbie Stabenow (MI), <i>Chairwoman, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p>Erin Parker, <i>Executive Director, Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <p>Kari Jo Lawrence, <i>Executive Director, Intertribal</i></p> | |

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| | <p><i>Agriculture Council</i></p> <p>Cole Miller, <i>Vice-Chairman, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</i></p> <p>Colby Duren, <i>Senior Legal Counsel and Project Manager, AMERIND</i></p> | |
| 2:45 | Minnesota Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan | |
| 2:55 | <p>Policy Priorities for the 118th Congress: Updates from Congressional Representatives and Native Organizations</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Larry Wright, Jr., <i>Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians</i></p> <p><u><i>Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (virtual remarks)</i></u> Senator Brian Schatz (HI), <i>Chairman</i></p> <p>Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK), <i>Vice Chairman</i></p> <p><u><i>National Indian Health Board Update</i></u> William Smith, <i>Chairperson, National Indian Health Board</i></p> <p><u><i>U.S. Senate Updates (virtual remarks)</i></u> Senator Jon Tester (MT)</p> <p>Senator Tina Smith (MN)</p> <p>Senator Ben Ray Luján (NM)</p> <p>Senator Alex Padilla (CA)</p> <p>Senator Markwayne Mullin (OK)</p> <p><u><i>National Council of Urban Indian Health Update</i></u> Sonya Tetnowski, <i>Board President, National Council of Urban Indian Health</i></p> <p><u><i>U.S. House of Representatives Updates (virtual remarks)</i></u> Representative Frank Pallone (NJ)</p> <p>Representative Derek Kilmer (WA)</p> | |

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| | <p>Representative Sharice Davids (KS)</p> <p>Representative Mary Peltola (AK)</p> <p><u>National Indian Child Welfare Association Update</u> Dr. Sarah Kastelic, <i>Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association</i></p> | |
| 3:55 | Closing Remarks | |
| 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | BREAK | |
| <p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <p><i>Please note that Concurrent Sessions are open and do not require registration for NCAI's Executive Council Winter Session. Additionally, while NCAI assists in the coordination of Concurrent Sessions, NCAI is not involved in the specific subject matter covered in these sessions.</i></p> | | |
| 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | <p>Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program Proposed Rule Listening Session</p> <p><i>Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program Proposed Rule was published in the Federal Register on December 21, 2022, with a public comment period ending March 17, 2023. HUD officials will provide an overview of the proposed rule and its impact on Tribes and Tribal borrowers. Attendees will have the chance to ask questions and provide comments on the proposed rule.</i></p> | Federal A |
| 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | <p>Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Offshore Wind Listening Session</p> <p><i>This Listening Session is open to Tribal Leaders to dialogue with bureau leadership about offshore wind and rulemakings, and to answer questions about programs, science initiatives, and tribal engagement. The session will be run by BOEM Director Liz Klein, an attorney who specializes in clean energy, climate change, and environmental law and policy. She previously served as Senior Counselor to Secretary Haaland at the Department of the Interior. For more information, see: https://www.boem.gov/about-boem/tribal-engagement</i></p> | Federal B |
| 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | <p>Haaland v. Brackeen: Developing Indian Country Strategies to Protect Native Children and Families</p> <p><i>This session will provide participants with information on the Haaland v. Brackeen case before the United States</i></p> | Congressional Closed to Press |

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| | <p><i>Supreme Court (Court). The case involves challenges to the Indian Child Welfare Act's (ICWA) constitutionality and has potential ramifications for other federal Indian law. In this session, participants will hear an overview of the recent oral argument from last November; learn about strategies to address challenges that could come from a decision in the case, and see communication tools for use in the media, like talking points for tribal leaders, and provide feedback on the tools developed by the Protect ICWA Campaign (National Indian Child Welfare Association, Native American Rights Fund, National Congress of American Indians, and Association on American Indian Affairs).</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Gil Vigil, <i>President, National Indian Child Welfare Association</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> Dr. Sarah Kastelic, <i>Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association</i></p> <p>David Simmons, <i>Director of Government Affairs and Advocacy, National Indian Child Welfare Association</i></p> | |
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Thursday, February 23

| TIME (EST) | EVENT | ROOM |
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| 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Third General Assembly | Presidential Ballroom |
| 8:30 | <p>Call to Order Shannon Holsey, <i>Treasurer, National Congress of American Indians</i></p> <p>Invocation Anne Richardson, <i>Chief, Rappahannock Tribe</i></p> | |
| 8:35 | <p>Update from Veterans' Employment and Training Service James Rodriguez, <i>Assistant Secretary of Veterans' Employment and Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor</i></p> | |
| 8:45 | Access to Capital in Indian Country: Following up on | |

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| | <p>the White House Tribal Nations Summit Announcements <i>In this panel discussion, speakers from a number of federal agencies will discuss their efforts to improve access to capital in Indian Country and will answer questions from tribal leaders.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Fatima Abbas, <i>Director, Office of Tribal and Native Affairs, U.S. Department of the Treasury</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> Marilynn Malerba, <i>United States Treasurer, U.S. Department of the Treasury</i></p> <p>Shaun Deschene, <i>Director, Office of Native American Business Development, U.S. Department of Commerce</i></p> | |
| 9:45 | <p>Update on the Army Civil Works Program Michael Connor, <i>Assistant Secretary for Army Civil Works, U.S. Department of Defense</i></p> | |
| 10:00 | <p>Update from Federal Emergency Management Agency Deanne Criswell, <i>Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security</i></p> | |
| 10:20 | <p>Land Back and Co-Management: How Tribal Nations Are Regaining Control Over Ancestral Lands <i>Tribal Nations, Federal, State, and Local partners are in a new age of cooperation, with the shared goal of returning lands and their management to their ancestral caretakers. This session will discuss how Tribal Nations are engaging in these projects, and the impacts they have on their communities.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Melvin Sheldon, Jr., <i>Council Member, Tulalip Tribes</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> Anne Richardson, <i>Chief, Rappahannock Indian Tribe</i></p> <p>Reed Robinson, <i>Director, Office of Tribal Relations, United States Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture</i></p> | |
| 11:15 | <p>Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Update Elizabeth Carr, <i>Tribal Advisor, Executive Office of the</i></p> | |

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| | <i>President, U.S. Office of Management and Budget</i> | |
| 11:30 | Tribal Supreme Court Project Update <i>Melody McCoy, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund</i> | |
| 11:45 | Indian Health Service Update <i>Roselyn Tso, Director, Indian Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i> | |
| 11:55 | Closing Remarks | |
| Concurrent Sessions | | |
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| 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | <p>Tribal Listening Session on FEMA's Tribal Declarations Guidance</p> <p><i>In 2013 the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 (SRIA) amended the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) to provide federally recognized Indian tribal governments (Tribal Nations) the pathway to request a Presidential emergency or major disaster declaration. After consulting with Tribal Nations FEMA released the 2017 Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance which serves as a resource for Tribal Nations on Stafford Act declarations, disaster assistance, and related requirements. The Guidance also includes the criteria that FEMA uses to evaluate declaration requests from Tribal Nations and make recommendations to the President regarding whether to declare an emergency or major disaster.</i></p> <p><i>FEMA invites Tribal Nations to attend the first in a series of tribal consultations and listening sessions on the Tribal Declarations Guidance on Thursday, February 23, 2023. The purpose of this listening session is to gather Tribal Nations' feedback on how to best improve the Presidential disaster declaration process to ensure that Tribal Nations are able to access FEMA resources during and after disasters in Indian Country.</i></p> | Federal B |
| 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Culture is Prevention: Listening Session to Inform Opioid Overdose and Substance Use Disorder | California |

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| | <p>Programming</p> <p><i>Seven Directions, a Center for Indigenous Public Health at the University of Washington, is facilitating listening sessions on behalf of the CDC, to gain insight on what culture is prevention specific to opioid overdose and substance use disorder looks, feels, and tastes like to tribes. The session will help inform the CDC's Culture is Prevention programming for tribes and tribal-serving organizations for the next five years.</i></p> | |
| 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | BREAK | |
| 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | <p>Listening Session on the Development of Government-Wide Consultation Training</p> <p><i>On behalf of the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of the Interior, we invite you to participate in an in-person listening session to discuss the development of government-wide consultation training modules as outlined by President Biden in the November 30, 2022 Presidential memorandum on uniform standards for consultation. To help facilitate our discussions, please find below a series of framing questions for the consultation discussion.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>What are the key elements that should be included in the consultation training modules?</i> ● <i>What are what areas should the consultation training modules cover to prepare agency staff to meet the standards outlined President Biden's memorandum?</i> ● <i>What aspect of tribal consultation does the federal government need to fix/address most urgently?</i> ● <i>Do you have an example of a consultation that went very well? What made that consultation stand out as being successful?</i> ● <i>What role can tribal governments and other tribal organizations play in helping to ensure that federal officials are adequately educated on tribal consultation?</i> | Federal B |
| 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | <p>Listening Session on the Shelter and Services Grant Program</p> <p><i>On behalf of the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), we invite you to participate in an in-person listening session to discuss the Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Shelter and Services Grant Program (SSP). The purpose of this listening session is to gather feedback from Tribal</i></p> | California |



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| | <i>leaders to inform FEMA's implementation of SSP in order to better serve the Tribal Nations.</i> | |
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