



**NCAI 2023 Annual Convention & Marketplace
Full Agenda—*Subject to Change***

Updated: 11/13/2023

All Times CENTRAL

Saturday, November 11, 2023		
TIME (CST)	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Youth Service Project <i>Lunch Provided</i>	Offsite
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration / Rules & Credentials Open	Hall E Lobby
Sunday, November 12, 2023		
TIME (CST)	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Marketplace Exhibitor Move-In	Exhibit Hall E
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	NCAI Fund / Executive Committee Meeting <i>Closed Meeting</i>	
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Registration for Civic Engagement Event	Hall E Lobby
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Civic Engagement Event/Youth Attending <i>Lunch Provided</i>	245
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration / Rules & Credentials Open	Hall E Lobby
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Empowering Leaders Reception <i>Open to Empowering Leaders Alumni Only</i>	Offsite



Monday, November 13, 2023		
TIME (CST)	EVENT	LOCATION
6:00 a.m. – 6:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer at the Spanish Plaza (Riverwalk Mall) Grayhawk Perkins, <i>United Houma Nation</i>	Offsite
7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration / Rules & Credentials / Resolutions Open	Hall E Lobby
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	First General Assembly	La Nouvelle Ballroom
8:30	Procession and Call to Order Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i> Presentation of the Colors <i>Local Tribal Color Guard</i> Drum Group <i>AC Woodlands Singers</i>	
8:45	Invocation Grayhawk Perkins, <i>United Houma Nation</i>	
8:50	Welcome from the Local Planning Committee Crystal Williams, <i>Vice-Chairwoman, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana</i> Land Acknowledgment - United Houma Nation Lora Ann Chaisson, <i>Principal Chief, United Houma Nation</i> Local Welcome Troy A. Carter, <i>U.S. Congressional Representative, Louisiana</i>	
9:00	Rules of the Convention	



	<p><i>Rules and Credentials Committee</i></p> <p>Approval of the Agenda <i>Fawn Sharp, President, National Congress of American Indians</i></p> <p>Resolutions Committee Report <i>Resolutions Committee</i></p>	
9:10	<p>President’s Report <i>Fawn Sharp, President, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>	
9:30	<p>Executive Director’s Report <i>Larry Wright, Jr., Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>	
9:50	<p>White House Update <i>Elizabeth Reese, Senior Policy Advisor for Native Affairs, White House Domestic Policy Council</i></p> <p><i>Rose Petoskey, Senior Advisor and Tribal Affairs Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs</i></p>	
10:20	<p>Department of the Interior Update <i>Bryan Newland, United States Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs</i></p>	
10:40	<p>Department of Housing and Urban Development Update <i>Richard Monocchio, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development</i></p>	
10:55	<p>Administration for Native Americans Update <i>Patrice Kunesh, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans</i></p>	
11:05	<p>OMB Update</p>	



	Elizabeth Carr, <i>Tribal Advisor to the Director, Office of Management and Budget</i>	
11:15	SSA Update Dr. Kilolo Kijakazi, <i>Commissioner (Acting), Social Security Administration</i>	
11:25	FEMA Update Deanne Criswell, <i>Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency</i>	
11:40	Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Update Brian Schatz, <i>U.S. Senator, Hawaii & Chairman, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs</i> (video remarks) Lisa Murkowski, <i>U.S. Senator, Alaska & Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs</i> (video remarks)	
11:45	IHS Update Roselyn Tso, <i>Director, Indian Health Service</i>	
11:55	Closing Remarks Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i>	
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12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Speaker Series — Day One <i>Join us for a buffet lunch and a presentation. Lunch is included for all registered conference attendees.</i> <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel Discussion: Reflections from Former NCAI Presidents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fawn Sharp, <i>Quinault Indian Nation</i> 	La Nouvelle Ballroom



	<p>(moderator)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ W. Ron Allen, <i>Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe</i> ○ Brian Cladoosby, <i>Swinomish Indian Tribal Community</i> ○ Jefferson Keel, <i>Chickasaw Nation</i> ○ Sue Masten, <i>Yurok Tribe</i> ○ Mel Tonasket, <i>Colville Tribes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UNITY Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jonathan Arakawa, <i>UNITY Co-President</i> ○ Kaytlynn Johnston, <i>UNITY Co-President</i> ○ Thorn Grove, <i>UNITY Southeast Area Representative</i> ○ Mahiya Ramirez, <i>UNITY Southern Plains Area Representative</i> ● NCAI Youth Commission Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caleb Dash, <i>NCAI Youth Commission Co-President</i> ○ Charli Earth, <i>NCAI Youth Commission Co-Vice President</i> 	
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3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Indian Community Development Block Grant Regulations Tribal Consultation</p> <p><i>The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is beginning the rulemaking process on the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program regulations (24 CFR 1003) and invites you to participate in a Tribal consultation at the NCAI Annual Conference. In accordance with HUD’s Tribal Consultation Policy, the Office</i></p>	252



	<p><i>of Native American Programs (ONAP) is seeking Tribal feedback on these regulations, which have not been updated in nearly two decades. HUD has begun hosting a series of Tribal consultations to solicit comments on the ICDBG regulations and how the program can better support Tribal communities. Tribal feedback is critical to informing the development of the ICDBG proposed rule.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>HHS-OIG Informational Session: HHS-OIG and Indian Country-Related Oversight</p> <p><i>Join this session for an overview of the U.S. Health and Human Service Office of the Inspector General’s (HHS-OIG) commitment to preventing fraud, waste, and abuse. HHS carries out important health and human services programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives nationwide. IHS provides and funds a wide range of clinical, public health, and community services to approximately 2.6 million Tribal members living in 38 States. IHS and Tribally run health care facilities typically serve as Medicare or Medicaid providers. HHS-OIG provides oversight of these HHS programs through audits, evaluations, and investigations to maximize efficiency of these health care services and grant programs. In 2022, Congress appropriated \$3.5 billion to IHS for sanitation facilities construction projects under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This funding will assist in providing homes and communities in Indian Country with essential water supply, sewage disposal, and solid waste disposal facilities. The oversight of this IIJA funding for sanitation facilities construction is a new focus of HHS-OIG’s work and will be discussed in detail at this informational session.</i></p>	<p>254</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Elevating and Including Indigenous Knowledges at the Department of Interior</p>	<p>255</p>



	<p><i>This session will provide information about the Department of the Interior's development of a policy on the consideration and inclusion of Indigenous Knowledges in Departmental actions and activities and a Departmental Handbook to support the implementation of this policy. The Handbook will raise awareness of Indigenous Knowledges and describe promising practices for employees to elevate and include Indigenous Knowledges in Departmental actions. The Department anticipates it will conduct government-to-government consultation on the Handbook in the late fall or early winter of 2023/24. This informational session will provide information on the development of the Handbook, its proposed contents, and what to expect with consultation.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Operationalizing Free, Prior and Informed Consent in the Context of Conservation and Development</p> <p><i>The Implementation Project is a joint initiative of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and the University of Colorado Law School that seeks to advance education and advocacy regarding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Declaration), including its provisions on Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC). The Implementation Project’s “Operationalizing FPIC in the Context of Conservation and Development: Indigenous Peoples’ Rights to Land, Water, and Territories” is a capacity-building project to assist tribal governments and other Indigenous Peoples in the U.S. to develop, publish, and enforce laws and protocols around FPIC. In this interactive workshop, renowned author and speaker, Walter Echo-Hawk, a former Native American Rights Fund attorney and past-President of the Pawnee Nation Business Council, will (1) present the results of his research surveying examples of tribal law, inter-governmental policy, and programs that operationalize FPIC in the context of conservation and development affecting Indigenous Peoples’ lands, waters, and</i></p>	<p>256</p>



	<p><i>biodiversity; and (2) lead an interactive exchange with NCAI participants to listen to concerns and facilitate discussion of traditional laws, customs, and traditions regarding stewardship of the natural world and norms of consent, all with the aim of supporting build awareness and supporting tribes and other Indigenous Peoples who may wish to consider creating their own measures for implementing FPIC.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Tribal Communities and the Changing Landscape of Offshore Wind</p> <p><i>Offshore wind permitting in the United States is moving at record speed. The Biden Administration champions offshore wind as a critical tool in the fight against climate change. However, the expedited timelines of these projects put Tribal cultural and environmental resources at risk. Join Cultural Heritage Partners, PLLC for a discussion on the offshore wind permitting process, the importance of tribal consultation and engagement, and the potential adverse impacts of an industrialized ocean. Panelists may also include representatives from tribal and historic communities on the East Coast that are facing offshore wind farms in their backyards.</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lance Gumbs, <i>Ambassador, Shinnecock Indian Nation</i> ● Jessica Krauss, <i>Cultural Heritage Partners, PLLC</i> ● David Weeden, <i>Tribal Councilor, Mashpee Wampanoag (invited)</i> 	<p>257</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Opportunities for Tribal Nations Under the Inflation Reduction Act</p> <p><i>Join United South and Eastern Tribes' Tribal Infrastructure Development Program to learn more about how Tribal Nations can engage in Nation Rebuilding through</i></p>	<p>346</p>



	<p><i>infrastructure development opportunities under the recently-enacted Inflation Reduction Act. Attendees will gain knowledge about what types of funding are available to Tribal Nations, and how to best access these dollars.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Tribal Consultation: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)</p> <p><i>The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) invites Tribal Leaders to a tribal consultation with the Chair of NEH, Shelly C. Lowe (Navajo), the Strategic Advisor for Native & Indigenous Affairs, Jason Packineau (Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, Jemez, Laguna), and agency staff. The purpose of the consultation will provide an opportunity for elected tribal officials to offer feedback on NEH’s tribal consultation policy, outreach efforts, and grant programs that impact tribal communities. In addition to taking official comments, NEH will provide updates on the agency’s efforts to support cultural preservation, TCUs, language revitalization, and the agency’s efforts to support the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative (FIBSI).</i></p>	<p>349</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Data Sovereignty and Governance: Civic Engagement & Technical Solutions for Indian Country</p> <p><i>Accurate and reflective data that is collected, managed, and applied responsibly is integral to progress across sectors in Indian Country. Join us for a continuation of NCAI’s pre-conference programming on data at the intersection of civic participation in Indian Country. This session will include technology demos and presentations from Indigenous organizations who are leading the way in building data sovereign models to meet the needs of their communities. The workshop will include the chance for audience members to collaborate, discuss, and share their hopes and priorities for</i></p>	<p>350</p>



	<i>data sovereign solutions in their communities and across Indian Country at large.</i>	
3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Keeping Families Together: Federal Funding Opportunities to Promote Family-Based Diversion and Sentencing Alternatives</p> <p><i>Incarceration-induced separation engenders lasting trauma for children, parents, caregivers, families, and Tribal communities. Department of Justice data reveals over 68,312 American Indian or Alaska Native people are incarcerated or under community supervision, along with 2,180 held in Indian country jails. In 2019, 20% of Native children experienced parental incarceration, disrupting their well-being, education, and overall stability. Family-based diversion and alternative sentencing offer opportunities to provide supervision and community-based care to mitigate the harm caused by parental incarceration and curtail reliance on foster care systems. Led by experts from the Family-Based Justice Center (the Center) including Janelle Prueter, Sandy Mullins, and Isabel Coronado, this presentation will outline existing alternatives, legislation, and supporting research, supplemented by panel discussions for strategy dissemination among Tribal elected officials, grant writers, court administrators, and advocates. The Center, supported by the US Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs, offers technical assistance to localities, states, and tribes developing and implementing family-based diversion and sentencing alternatives.</i></p>	242
3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Tribal Consultation on FEMA's Tribal Disaster Declarations Process</p> <p><i>Tribal Nations across Indian Country have been affected by increasing natural disasters due to climate change. Since</i></p>	245



	<p><i>2017 Tribal Nations have used the FEMA Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance process to seek presidential disaster declarations. FEMA is currently engaged in Tribal consultation to improve the tribal disaster declarations process and invites all Tribal Nations to join this consultation to ensure that resources reach Indian Country when disasters strike.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Federal Government Listening Session on Accessing Capital</p> <p><i>To support the federal government’s initiative on increasing Indian Country’s access to capital, we invite tribal leaders and members to share their experiences in accessing funding from investors, lenders, and grantors. By sharing specifics about barriers tribal members have faced, on and off tribal lands, we hope to identify current issues and any proposed or learned solutions. We look forward to hearing from employees, technical experts, attorneys, and other technicians who work for tribal governments or private businesses who have detailed experience in financing projects in Native America.</i></p>	<p>244</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>CISA Tribal Emergency Communications Programs and Service Offerings</p> <p><i>This session will focus on challenges to the public safety community in general, but especially to tribes who have unique needs and infrastructure challenges. CISA established programs, resources, and tools within the Emergency Communications Division (ECD) that are available to assist the public safety community as a whole with assessing, enhancing, and utilizing communications technology. The ECD Tribal Emergency Communications Program serves as a clearinghouse to help tribes access the technical expertise, services, resources, and tools that can help them strengthen their communications systems, serve their communities, and</i></p>	<p>253</p>



	<i>maintain tribal sovereignty. During this briefing, participants will learn about technical service offerings, programs, and resources available to tribes and how to access them to support and enhance public safety communications.</i>	
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Committee / Subcommittee Chairs Meeting <i>Open to Committee / Subcommittee Chairs Only</i>	243
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	New Member Orientation <i>This session is intended for all new NCAI members and any returning members who are interested in getting a refresher course on how NCAI is structured and how you can get involved in the work NCAI carries out.</i>	244
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Veterans Welcome Event <i>NCAI acknowledges and appreciates all of our Veterans and Military Service Members and invites them to this short welcoming event which will feature remarks from the NCAI Executive Director, a preview of the week from the Veterans Committee Co-Chairs, and more! Light snacks will be provided.</i>	353
Committee Meetings		
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7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	<p>Welcome Reception / Marketplace Ribbon Cutting</p> <p><i>The NCAI and the Local Planning Committee welcomes all attendees to the 80th Annual Convention and Marketplace. Line up at 6:00 p.m. and join the Second Line Parade, celebrate the formal opening of the Marketplace, and enjoy bites of local favorite foods while listening to the Jazz Band.</i></p>	Hall E, Lobby to Exhibits



Tuesday, November 14, 2023		
TIME (CST)	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration / Rules & Credentials / Resolutions Open	Hall E Lobby
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Second General Assembly	La Nouvelle Ballroom
8:30	Procession and Call to Order Mark Macarro, <i>First Vice President, National Congress of American Indians</i>	
8:35	Land Acknowledgement & Invocation Libby Rogers, <i>Chief, Jena Band of Choctaw Indians</i>	
8:40	Deliberations on Proposed Amendments to the NCAI Constitution <i>NCAI membership will participate in a structured session for deliberating on proposed changes to the NCAI Constitution and Bylaws.</i>	
11:55	Closing Remarks Mark Macarro, <i>First Vice President, National Congress of American Indians</i>	
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	<p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NCAI Presidential Candidate Forum — <i>Tentative</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Levi Rickert, <i>Native News Online</i> (moderator) ○ Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, <i>Chairwoman, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah</i> ○ Mark Macarro, <i>Chairman, Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians</i> ○ Marshall Pierite, <i>Chairman, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana</i> 	
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<p>VAWA Task Force</p> <p><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></p>	242 <i>Closed to Press</i>
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	<p><i>Bureau will update tribes on the development of the Detailed Demographic Housing and Characteristics File B (Detailed DHC-B) data product, which will provide housing (e.g., family and nonfamily) and tenure (i.e., owner or renter occupied) information for detailed American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) tribes and villages. The Bureau will also inform participants of the “Statistical Product First (SPF) initiative. This initiative engages Tribal Nations and American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) data users to collaborate on the design of new statistical products providing meaningful data to meet your tribal planning objectives. The Census Bureau plans to have future tribal engagements activities to yield the first ever experimental statistical products designed specifically to meet the objectives of the AIAN community—including tribes, researchers, and federal partners.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m</p>	<p>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Build America, Buy America (BABA) Tribal Consultation</p> <p><i>The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) invites you to participate in a Tribal consultation on how the Build America, Buy America (BABA) domestic purchase requirement will impact Tribal communities and housing programs. In accordance with HUD’s Tribal Consultation Policy, HUD is hosting this consultation to better understand the impact that BABA requirements will have on future infrastructure development in Tribal communities and to determine how to implement BABA requirements applicable to Tribal grantees. In May 2023, HUD issued a one-year extension of the public interest, general applicability Build America, Buy America (BABA) waiver for its Tribal grantees. While this one-year waiver is in effect, HUD Tribal grantees are exempt from the domestic content procurement preference requires that all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in covered infrastructure projects are produced in the United</i></p>	<p>253</p>



	<p><i>States requirements. HUD will be reviewing all Tribal consultation comments and taking them into consideration while determining future policy on BABA.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m</p>	<p>BIE Strategic Direction Listening Session</p> <p><i>Input from the Bureau of Indian Education’s (BIE) educational partners is especially valuable. This feedback adds insight to the strengths and weaknesses of the organization, what educating the future generations should mean, and what BIE’s priorities need to be. As we embark on the development of the 2024-2029 Strategic Direction, we want your help in identifying which Strategies and Milestones are most important to provide students at BIE-funded schools with a culturally relevant, high-quality education that prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and behaviors needed to flourish in the opportunities of tomorrow, become healthy and successful individuals, and lead their communities and sovereign nations to a thriving future that preserves their unique cultural identities.</i></p>	<p>254</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m</p>	<p>ACF Tribal Request for Information: Meeting the Child Care Needs in Tribal Nations – Overview</p> <p><i>The Office of Child Care invites public comment on the rules and regulations of the Tribally administered Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program as part of the Administration for Children and Families’ (ACF) commitment to creating partnerships with Tribal Nations to identify and implement solutions that transcend traditional program boundaries. As part of that commitment, OCC seeks input on the requirements, regulations, and processes for Tribal Nations that administer CCDF. This Request for Information (RFI) specifically seeks public comment on the following topics of the Tribal child care program—CCDF Funding Policies for Tribes, CCDF Administration, Improving</i></p>	<p>255</p>



	<p><i>Families' Access to Child Care, and Increasing Child Care Supply in Tribal Communities—but input on any aspect of the Tribally administered CCDF program is welcome. This session will provide an overview of the RFI contents. OCC will host a Tribal consultation during the RFI public comment period November 29-30, 2023 at the Indian Pueblo Community Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m</p>	<p>Canna U Bank Cannabis? Solutions for Cannabis Banking in Indian Country</p> <p><i>Join us as we address the elephant in the room for cannabis economic development: banking and finance in a federally illegal marketplace.</i></p>	<p>243</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m</p>	<p>Improving Tribal Justice Data: Results of the Census of Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies and Courts; and Overview of the 2024 Census of Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies and Court Systems Justice</p> <p><i>The Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) of 2010 required the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), to establish and implement a tribal crime data collection system. The Census of Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies (CTLEA) and Census of Tribal Court Systems (CTCS) are BJS's first statistical collections to focus solely on tribal police and court systems operating in the United States. NORC has partnered with the National American Indian Court Judges Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute to conduct the 2024 CTLEA and 2024 CTCS. This presentation is geared toward tribal leaders, law enforcement, court personnel, prosecutors and public defenders, and researchers. This presentation will (1) highlight BJS tribal justice statistics program objectives, (2) present findings from two recently published reports, Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies in the U.S. and Tribal</i></p>	<p>257</p>



	<p><i>Court Systems in the U.S., (3) provide an overview on the development of the new 2024 CTLEA and 2024 CTCS, (4) outreach and engagement plans and activities for tribes, tribal law enforcement and court practitioners and federal partners, and (5) gather input on tribals data needs/challenges to help address public safety, policy and funding concerns impacting tribal justice agencies in Indian country.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m</p>	<p>Creating a Comprehensive Digital Sovereignty Plan: Concepts and Practical Considerations</p> <p><i>In the twenty-first century, Tribal Nations must assert their own Tribal Digital Sovereignty. Exercising sovereignty in the digital age is a critical proactive action. This panel will discuss Issues, definitions, practical considerations, and potential steps for tribes to take in asserting Tribal Digital Sovereignty. Lead experts on broadband in Indian Country will discuss the national-level issue of the Digital Divide relative to the concept of Tribal Digital Sovereignty. Beyond cybersecurity and protecting data resources such as banking and healthcare information, there is a proactive need and a call to action to develop an all-inclusive understanding and planning for overall Digital Sovereignty.</i></p>	<p>346</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m</p>	<p>Better Understand Your Community By Better Understanding Trauma and Healing</p> <p><i>Trauma continues to impact our communities in many ways-addictions, violence, poverty, chronic negativity, work and school absenteeism, lateral oppression and more. When we can better connect the dots between trauma, behavior and healing, we can better serve our communities. This interactive workshop will give tools and strategies for tribal leaders and/or leaders of tribal programs to implement to ignite positive change. Examples of tribal communities who</i></p>	<p>349</p>



	<p><i>have taken on this work will be provided. "Where there has been trauma, healing is the answer."</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m</p>	<p>Grow with Google: Expanding Opportunities for Indigenous Communities</p> <p><i>This session will highlight all of the free training, tools and resources to help you grow your skills, career, or business. The panel will cover how Google Search works and the ways people find your business online, including a walk-through of the latest Google tools and search engine optimization strategies for building your online presence and engaging more customers on Google.</i></p>	<p>350</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m</p>	<p>Advancing Implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</p> <p><i>Join The Implementation Project, an initiative of the Native American Rights Fund and the University of Colorado Law School, together with the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) and the Tribal Justice Clinic at the University of Arizona Rogers College of Law, for a panel discussion on achieving the aims of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the national, international, and tribal levels. This is a multi-stakeholder event featuring Ben Barnes, Chief, Shawnee Tribe and Chairperson, United Indian Nations of Oklahoma; Lisa White Pipe, Councilwoman, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, and Treasurer, Coalition of Large Tribes; Ira Matt (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes), Director, Office of Tribal and Indigenous Peoples, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; Heather Whiteman Runs Him (Apsaalooke/Crow), Associate Clinical Professor and Tribal Justice Clinic Director, University of Arizona Rogers College of Law; and Kristen Carpenter, Council Tree Professor of Law and Director of the American Indian Law Program at the University of Colorado and Co-Director of The</i></p>	<p>256</p>



	<p><i>Implementation Project. Issues will include: (1) U.S. accountability for the federal Indian boarding schools; (2) current international negotiations regarding Indigenous Peoples’ intellectual and cultural property rights; (3) opportunities to advance Indigenous Peoples’ cultural rights through UNESCO programs including World Heritage Sites, Repatriation, and the International Decade of Indigenous Languages; (4) guidance from the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation on embracing the Declaration in domestic protection of sacred sites and traditional knowledge, and (5) the movement to achieve Indigenous Peoples’ Enhanced Participation at the United Nations.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m</p>	<p>Omission as Violence: The Research Behind Bias Against Native People</p> <p><i>Looking to the root of the issues Indian Country faces from federal policy to education to media, we need to look at the human elements of perception based on hundreds of years of violence created by systems designed to erase Native people. Break down the psychology of bias against Native people with Native researchers real-time and gain tangible resources to use as tribal leaders, educators, policy makers, and Native Youth advocates to support your lived experience and knowledge with science. Join Director Dr. Stephanie Fryberg (Tulalip) and her team at the Research for Indigenous Social Action and Equity Center (RISE) and learn how research insights can help us shift Native public image, illuminating a path towards creating a more equitable future for tribes and Indian Country.</i></p>	<p>245</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m</p>	<p>USDA Information Session on American Rescue Plan Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and Inflation Reduction Act Funding Opportunities and Implementation Updates</p>	<p>242</p>



	<p><i>In this session, USDA will highlight pivotal funding opportunities stemming from the American Rescue Plan Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and Inflation Reduction Act. The session's focal points include crucial resources tailored for rural economic and community development, tribal co-stewardship initiatives, renewable energy, and the preservation and furtherance of indigenous food systems and sovereignty. This outreach and education event aims to empower tribal nations by providing insights into funding mechanisms vital for sustainable growth and cultural preservation. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with agency officials and fellow attendees in shaping a brighter future for tribal communities across Indian Country.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Native Power: Data Sovereignty, Science and Social Change</p> <p><i>What are the dominant narratives, perceptions and influences that non-Natives have about Native peoples in 2023? How might the authentic experiences, challenges, and priority issues of Native peoples today inform actions at the local, state, Tribal and federal levels? Join IllumiNative the Native-woman led social justice organization behind two ambitious public research projects – the Indigenous Futures Survey, and the Native Visibility + Power Project – alongside our partner, Native Organizers Alliance, the Native organizing network behind the Indigenous Futures Survey, to examine and strategize around key issues to disrupt invisibility and build grassroots political power for social change.. Indigenous Future Survey is the largest Native-led research project in Indian Country by and for Native peoples. This presentation will be followed by a moderated discussion on strategies to utilize research to empower Tribes, and Native community advocates with data to compel meaningful change for our communities.</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p>	<p>354</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Judith LeBlanc, <i>Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma - Executive Director, Native Organizers Alliance (NOA)</i> ● Emi Aguilar, <i>Coahuiltecan – Director of Research + Action, IllumiNative</i> ● Margaret Faliano, <i>Chippewa Cree, Campaigns Manager, IllumiNative</i> 	
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6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Wilma Mankiller Fellows Reception <i>NCAI's Wilma Mankiller Fellowship provides an opportunity for young leaders from across Indian Country to serve on the front lines of legislative action and policy development, working side-by-side with national leaders in tribal policy development. Join our networking reception, hear from the Alumni, and let's work to continue the Wilma Mankiller Fellows Program.</i>	Exhibit Hall E



Wednesday, November 15, 2023		
TIME (CST)	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<p>Registration / Rules & Credentials / Resolutions Open</p> <p><i>Voter Eligibility: To be eligible to vote in NCAI's elections, you must be a member in good standing and registered for the Annual Convention no later than 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.</i></p>	Hall E Lobby
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Third General Assembly	La Nouvelle Ballroom
8:30	<p>Procession and Call to Order Shannon Holsey, <i>Treasurer, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>	
8:35	<p>Land Acknowledgement Marshall Pierite, <i>Chairman, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana</i></p> <p>Invocation Elisabeth Pierite-Mora, <i>Language and Cultural Lifeways Instructor, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana</i></p>	
8:40	<p>Census Update Deborah Stempkowski, <i>Associate Director for Decennial Programs, United States Census Bureau</i></p>	
8:50	<p>Nominations and Speeches for NCAI Administrative Board Offices Patrick Anderson, <i>Elections Committee Chair, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>	



	<i>Standing Rules of Order, Section V. A. 3. Nomination speeches shall be no longer than two minutes. Individuals making nominations must state their name, the tribes they represent, and indicate that they are a member in good standing with NCAI. Nominations do not have to be seconded, and no seconding speeches shall be allowed. Campaign speeches by candidates shall be no longer than five minutes.</i>	
9:35	Update from the VAWA Task Force Shannon Holsey, <i>President, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians Co-Chair, NCAI VAWA Task Force</i>	
9:45	Update from the Not Invisible Act Commission Juana Majel-Dixon, <i>Traditional Councilwoman, Pauma-Yuima Band of Luiseño Indians Member, Not Invisible Act Commission</i>	
9:55	Closing Remarks Shannon Holsey, <i>Treasurer, National Congress of American Indians</i>	
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Task Force Meetings <i>Attendance at Task Force meetings does not require registration for NCAI's Annual Convention. Please note that due to the Constitutional Convention taking place on Tuesday, November 14th, all Task Force meetings will be meeting simultaneously on Wednesday, November 15th from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</i>		
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	VAWA Task Force <i>The Task Force on Violence Against Women (VAWA) serves as</i>	242 <i>Closed to</i>



	<p><i>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></p>	<p>Press</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Budget Task Force</p> <p><i>The NCAI Budget Task Force is focused on discussing the Federal Government’s budgets and appropriations processes. The Budget Task Force exists to identify develop consensus strategies for advocacy on tribal budget priorities, as well as finding ways to overcome barriers to funding increases for tribal programs and to the implementation of federally funded programs in tribal communities.</i></p>	<p>257</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Peyote Working Group</p> <p><i>The NCAI Peyote Working Group will discuss the current landscape of peyote conservation and preservation. This task force will focus on barriers to Native religious freedom and challenges the Native American Church faces.</i></p>	<p>255</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Transportation Task Force</p> <p><i>The NCAI-Inter-tribal Transportation Association (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>	<p>252</p>



<p>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Federal Recognition Task Force</p> <p><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>	<p>256</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Climate Action Task Force</p> <p><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></p>	<p>254</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>TANF Task Force</p> <p><i>The NCAI Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Task Force will discuss current tribal, Administrative, and Congressional priorities with the goal of improving the function of TANF programs for Tribal Nations across Indian Country. The TANF task force was established to support efforts to increase tribal authority to administer family support and work readiness programs to serve tribal children and families.</i></p>	<p>244</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Joint IGA-NCAI Task Force</p> <p><i>The Indian Gaming Association-NCAI Task Force was reinstated this year to discuss the current legal threats to tribal sovereignty and formulate responses to defend against continued attacks on sovereignty, particularly in the courts.</i></p>	<p>243</p>



10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>Tribal Border Caucus</p> <p><i>Tribal citizen crossing of the United States–Canada and United States–Mexico borders for traditional, cultural, or religious purposes has been a paramount concern for Tribal Nations split by the invisible lines that divided their homelands and relatives. The Tribal Border Caucus invites all northern, southern, and Alaska border Tribal Nations to provide updates and discuss ongoing issues such as navigating the opening of the borders during the COVID-19 pandemic, travel visas, treaty rights, and searches of tribal regalia or cultural items.</i></p>	253
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>Native Languages Task Force</p> <p><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></p>	350
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>Addiction Task Force</p> <p><i>Join the NCAI Addiction Task Force to discuss administrative and legislative priorities to increase access and improve the function of behavioral health and addiction programs at the tribal level. The Addiction Task Force continues to support efforts to advance education, treatment, preventative services, and public safety in tribal communities</i></p>	245



<p>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Technology Task Force</p> <p><i>The NCAI Technology Task Force will hold an open meeting to discuss work in the fields of technology and telecommunications in Indian Country. The Task Force is composed of tribal leadership, tribal telecommunications companies, Information Technology experts, entrepreneurs, and representatives from tribal organizations.</i></p>	<p>346</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Tax and Finance Task Force</p> <p><i>Tax revenue is essential to help build healthy rural and regional economies. Join the NCAI Tax and Finance Task Force for an open meeting to discuss work in the fields of tax and finance in Indian Country. This Task Force has been charged with advancing tribal priorities on legislative and administrative tax and finance policy, developing solutions to dual taxation, facilitating tribal engagement with the U.S. Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee (TTAC), and sharing information regarding tribal–state tax agreements.</i></p>	<p>349</p>
<p>12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Lunch Speaker Series — Day Three</p> <p><i>Join us for a buffet lunch and a presentation. Lunch is included for all registered conference attendees.</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCAI Foundation Launch and Presentation 	<p>La Nouvelle Ballroom</p>
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Please note that while NCAI assists in the coordination of Concurrent Sessions, NCAI is not involved in the specific subject matter covered in these sessions.



<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program: Technical Assistance</p> <p><i>In alignment with the second Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP), Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), TBCP staff will be available to provide technical assistance to eligible applicants. Topics covered include, but are not limited to, budget, mapping, narrative, and other requirements of the NOFO.</i></p>	<p>254</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>ACF Tribal Request for Information: Meeting the Child Care Needs in Tribal Nations – Listening Session</p> <p><i>The Office of Child Care invites public comment on the rules and regulations of the Tribally administered Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program as part of the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) commitment to creating partnerships with Tribal Nations to identify and implement solutions that transcend traditional program boundaries. As part of that commitment, OCC seeks input on the requirements, regulations, and processes for Tribal Nations that administer CCDF. This Request for Information (RFI) specifically seeks public comment on the following topics of the Tribal child care program—CCDF Funding Policies for Tribes, CCDF Administration, Improving Families' Access to Child Care, and Increasing Child Care Supply in Tribal Communities—but input on any aspect of the Tribally administered CCDF program is welcome. This listening session will provide an opportunity for Tribal Nations and conference participants to provide feedback on the RFI contents. OCC will host a Tribal consultation during the RFI public comment period November 29-30, 2023 at the Indian Pueblo Community Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico.</i></p>	<p>255</p>



<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>World Economic Forum’s Indigenous Leadership Network</p> <p><i>In an unprecedented initiative, the 80th Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians will host a transformative session titled "World Economic Forum’s Indigenous Leadership Network." This gathering is a critical juncture for Tribal Nations to voice their perspectives and influence the global economic narrative on climate change and solutions. This discussion will afford Tribal Leaders the opportunity to not only understand but also actively shape the forum’s agenda. Historically overlooked in matters of climate and conservation—issues of paramount global urgency—Tribal Nations now stand at the cusp of integrating their invaluable insights into the world stage. Limited to Tribal Leaders, the session is designed to foster an intimate and focused dialogue.</i></p>	<p>256</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Making Mandatory Matter: Group Dialogue on Updating Full-Funding Estimates for the Indian Health Service</p> <p><i>The President’s FY 2024 Budget Request continues its historic advancement of full and mandatory funding for the Indian Health Service (IHS) and recognizes that it must continue to work in consultation with Tribes to develop this proposal. The White House and Department of Health and Human Services recently held a tribal consultation on the structure of mandatory funding, but the full funding amount is still under discussion. The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is working on a project in collaboration with Tribal Nations and health economist to estimate full funding for the IHS. Join the NIHB in a group dialogue work to establish full funding for IHS and how estimates could be improved.</i></p>	<p>257</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>After Haaland v. Brackeen: Developing Indian Country Priorities to Improve ICWA Compliance</p>	<p>346</p>



	<p><i>While the United States Supreme Court decision in Haaland v. Brackeen affirmed the Indian Child Welfare Act's (ICWA) constitutionality, there are still threats to the law and a need to improve compliance. This session invites tribal leadership to join with NCAI and the National Indian Child Welfare Association to identify policy and tribal capacity needs that can inform a long term strategy to improve ICWA compliance for Native children and families in state child welfare systems.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Indigenizing Artificial Intelligence: Applications, Challenges, and Decolonizing the AI Revolution</p> <p><i>Generative artificial intelligence is reaching a tipping point of sophistication and widespread adoption of large language models like ChatGPT, Google Bard, and Microsoft Bing, and art generators like Midjourney and DALL-E. What do these recent breakthroughs mean for Indian Country? How can Tribal Nations, businesses, and citizens benefit from AI, and what are the potential risks for Indigenous Knowledge and data sovereignty? Join our panel for a thoughtful roundtable discussion on how Tribal Nations can truly Indigenize this emerging technology and ensure its use in a good way.</i></p>	<p>349</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Building Tribal Economies: Sharing a New Decision-Framing Toolkit for Tribal Leaders and Key Decision-Makers</p> <p><i>This breakout session officially unveils NCAI's long-awaited "Building Tribal Economies" toolkit, an informative strategy-building resource for Tribal Nations as they design and implement long-range, comprehensive approaches to tribal economy building. The toolkit features 11 key strategic considerations that Tribal Nations should address in their economy-building processes, 22 leading tribal economy-building solutions, 72 key questions Tribal Nations</i></p>	<p>242</p>



	<p><i>must ask of themselves, and 67 pivotal policy recommendations they should consider integrating into their approaches. The session will present an in-depth overview of the toolkit and how to use it, as well as leading Native voices sharing their perspectives about the strategic considerations for tribal economy building featured in the toolkit.</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Ian Record, Former Vice President of Tribal Governance and Special Projects, NCAI</i> <p><i>Session Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Frank Ettawageshik, Former Chairman, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (invited)</i> ● <i>James Lazore, Economic Development Director, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe</i> ● <i>Velda Shelby, Economic Development Director, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (invited)</i> 	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families in Native Country</p> <p><i>In this session, Tribal TANF organizations and clients will share real-life testimonies and reflect on the positive outcomes of our services and strength-based programs. The session will highlight three key program areas: First, video testimonies will focus on achievements realized through our program’s Career Development services The second part of the session will showcase client successes in our Postsecondary Education, Vocational Training, Entrepreneurship and Employment programming. Lastly, Summer Youth Work Experience participants will also share short stories detailing their growth in the workforce and securement of permanent placements. We will also create a forum to share best practices, program milestones, and acknowledge the progress of our clients participating in</i></p>	<p>253</p>



	<i>remarkable Tribal TANF programs throughout Indian Country.</i>	
3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Tribal Listening Session with SSA Native American Partnerships</p> <p><i>Please come and engage with SSA leadership in the new Office of Native American Partnerships housed within the Office of the Commissioner. We are planning outreach for 2024-2025 and would appreciate your feedback on Tribal communities which need a stronger SSA partnership. Would you like to schedule Tribal Consultation with us on any social service matters, equity action plans, native language revitalization, or other topics of interest to your Tribal Nation?</i></p>	245
3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Sovereign Responses to MMIW and the Not Invisible Act</p> <p><i>Responding to the MMIW crisis is a trust responsibility in partnership with all of our sovereign relatives. To protect our tribal elders, women, children and men, we must hold and carry the load with our people and Secretary Deb Haaland and the Attorney General Merrick Garland. This breakout session will be a discussion of the sovereign response to the MMIW crisis and the Not Invisible Act, focusing on how tribal sovereigns can effect change.</i></p>	244
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8:40	Marshall Plan for Tribal Nations Kitcki Carroll, <i>Executive Director, United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund</i>	
9:30	Veterans Affairs Update Tanya J. Bradsher, <i>Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs</i>	
9:40	NCAI Veterans Committee Update Dan King, <i>Veterans Committee Co-Chair, National Congress of American Indians</i> Angela Pratt, <i>Veterans Committee Co-Chair, National Congress of American Indians</i>	



10:00	<p>Elections Committee Report Patrick Anderson, <i>Elections Committee Chair, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>	
10:05	<p>NCAI Treasurer’s Report Shannon Holsey, <i>Treasurer, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>	
10:20	<p>The Impacts of a Federal Government Shutdown on Indian Country</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● W. Ron Allen, <i>Chairman, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe</i> ● William Smith, <i>Chief, Valdez Native Tribe</i> ● Lisa White Pipe, <i>Councilwoman, Rosebud Sioux Tribe</i> 	
10:55	<p>Offshore Wind Energy Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lance Gumbs, <i>Ambassador, Shinnecock Indian Nation — Tentative</i> ● Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, <i>Chairwoman, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah — Tentative</i> 	
11:15	<p>Indigenous Advocacy in International Spaces</p> <p>Part I: The World Economic Forum and Its Potential for Indian Country</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greg Masten, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians Foundation</i> ● Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i> 	
11:25	<p>Part II: International Indigenous Determinants of Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stacy Bohlen, <i>Chief Executive Officer, National Indian Health Board — Tentative</i> 	
11:35	<p>Part III: Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks—the latest UNESCO World Heritage Site</p>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Alex Wesaw, <i>Councilmember and Treasurer, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi</i> 	
11:45	<p>Native Farm Bill Coalition Update <i>Carly Griffith Hotvedt, Associate Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law</i></p>	
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12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<p>Lunch Speaker Series — Day Four <i>Join us for a buffet lunch and a presentation. Lunch is included for all registered conference attendees.</i></p> <p><i>Panel Discussion: Driving Access & Inclusion: Equitable Empowerment for Indigenous Communities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Description:</i> Indigenous communities around the world have historically faced systemic barriers to equity and empowerment. This panel will explore strategies for building equitable access to education, technology, and economic opportunity for Indigenous People. • <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jake Foreman, <i>Grow With Google Indian Country Digital Coach</i> ○ Colleen Echohawk, <i>CEO, Eighth Generation</i> ○ Larry Wright, Jr., <i>Executive Director, National</i> 	La Nouvelle Ballroom



	<p><i>Congress of American Indians</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Liv Hoeft, <i>Google Aboriginal & Indigenous Network Product Lead</i> ○ Oma Lebeau, <i>Director of Office of Indian Economic Development</i> ○ Janice Mak, <i>Chair, Arizona Department of Education's Technology Task Force</i> ○ Grace Perez, <i>Google Aboriginal & Indigenous Network Lead (moderator)</i> 	
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Concurrent Sessions		
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3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>FEMA Consultation on the Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide</p> <p><i>FEMA invites all Tribal Nations to join in this consultation to improve the 2017 Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide. Mitigation planning helps Tribal Nations understand risks from natural hazards and develop long-term strategies to reduce the impacts of hazards on people, property, and the environment. Tribal mitigation plans are also required to access certain funding streams across the federal government. FEMA is working to improve the tribal mitigation planning process across Indian Country.</i></p>	245
3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>National Broadband Map/Broadband Data Collection</p> <p><i>The FCC's National Broadband Map (NBM) provides information about the internet services available to individual locations across the country, along with new maps of mobile coverage, as reported by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in the FCC's ongoing Broadband Data Collection (BDC). In</i></p>	253



	<p><i>this session, FCC staff will review the ways that Tribal governments and entities can participate in the BDC and, in doing so, help improve the accuracy of the FCC’s maps. Staff will focus on the various challenge processes created as part of the BDC and demonstrate how to engage with the NBM.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Roadmapping True Partnerships Between Tribes & Philanthropy</p> <p><i>Join us for a comprehensive 90-minute panel discussion designed to guide attendees through the multifaceted landscape of philanthropy. This session is tailored to empower individuals at any point in their philanthropic journey, whether they are novices or seasoned veterans in the field. Our panel consists of distinguished leaders from various corners of philanthropy, encompassing corporate giving to private foundations. Through a rich dialogue, they will unveil practical strategies, discuss common challenges, and share valuable insights. The focus will be on fostering effective and mutually beneficial partnerships with tribal communities. This interactive exchange promises to be an enlightening experience, offering tools and knowledge to navigate the philanthropic world with confidence and impact.</i></p>	<p>254</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Building Tribal Education Capacity: Experiences and Lessons Learned</p> <p><i>In this session the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) will discuss their efforts to support tribal education capacity and education sovereignty through their work with state based Native Education for All initiatives and projects. NIEA will describe lessons learned about supporting tribal education capacity through advocacy and implementation of Native Education for All legislation and policy and their utilization of partnerships and coalitions.</i></p>	<p>255</p>



<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Preparing for the 2024 Election and Registration Opportunities At IHS Through President Biden’s Executive Order</p> <p><i>The 2024 Presidential Election is one year away. Yet, the voter registrations of Native Americans continue to lag behind other racial groups. Learn about the efforts to increase registration rates across the country and learn about what can be done to increase registration in tribal communities. Join the Native American Rights Fund to learn about the factors that discourage registration and how they can be overcome. Additionally, learn about President Biden’s Executive Order and the opportunity to gain access to voter registration at Indian Health Services clinics.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jacqueline De León, <i>Senior Attorney, NARF</i> ● Joshuah Marshall, <i>Senior Advisor to the Director, IHS</i> 	<p>346</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Native Nation Building Through Digital Equity</p> <p><i>Broadband infrastructure isn’t the only thing people need to use the internet effectively. Digital equity is essential for Native Nations to build thriving communities, and they can do so with affordable, robust broadband services, access to appropriate devices, and trusted digital skills training and support to meet their educational, health, economic, cultural, and social needs. National Digital Inclusion Alliance and AMERIND Critical Infrastructure staff will provide a robust foundation of digital inclusion and digital equity, including information on barriers, successful programs, coalitions, policy, funding, with real-life examples from Native communities. Interactive activities will help you develop strategies for your Tribe. With unprecedented federal funding on its way and technology becoming increasingly essential, now is the time to define the future of digital equity for your Native Nation.</i></p>	<p>349</p>



3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Exploring Nature Credits and the Vital Role of Indigenous Peoples as well as Local Communities</p> <p><i>This panel explores nature credits, an innovative tool shaping conservation finance. Nature credits, also called biodiversity credits or biodiversity certificates, present an opportunity to better enable the participation and recognition of Tribal Nations, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities as stewards of nature. Representatives from, Indigenous Peoples (Tribal Nations), NGOs and standard setters will explore the opportunities and challenges of this new approach. This session will also allocate time for others, particularly Tribal Nations, to voice opinions and provide input on nature credits.</i></p>	350
3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	<p>Up-to-the-Minute Updates on Native Priorities in the Farm Bill</p> <p><i>[Description Forthcoming]</i></p>	242
3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	<p>Fraud in Indigenous Communities: Stories, Implications, and Action</p> <p><i>AARP recently commissioned SSRS, a national survey research firm, to conduct a qualitative research study with American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) adults to understand the occurrence and impact of scams and fraud in AI/AN communities. SSRS will share stories and findings from the research to illustrate the types of scams AI/AN people have faced, how those scams have affected their lives, and the trusted sources they look to for fraud prevention information. This will be followed by a presentation from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission on the government’s efforts to address scams and fraud in AI/AN communities. Finally, AARP will</i></p>	256



	<p><i>present fraud prevention resources and how they are using the research findings to support AI/AN communities.</i></p>	
<p>3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Collaborative Strategies for Addressing Climate Change Impacts on Water and Food Resources in Tribal Communities</p> <p><i>This session explores the impact of climate change on water and food resources in tribal communities. It discusses partnerships with Indigenous leaders, researchers, and scientists to generate resources and address challenges. It gives the example of collaboration between KRITFC, NWIFC, and YRITFC, aiming at knowledge sharing and environmental justice. The session emphasizes concerns such as potential impact of climate change on aquatic ecosystems, salmon stocks and human health; water contaminants and their implications; and rising beaver population causing 'beaver fever'. The discussion is focused on enhancing indigenous capacity to tackle these issues, aiming at strengthening tribal sovereignty and self-determination. This session intends to foster strategies promoting sustainable resource management, respectful collaboration, preserving cultural heritage, food security, and health of tribal communities in light of challenges posed by climate change.</i></p>	<p>244</p>
<p>3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Bureau of Indian Education Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP) / ISEP Transportation Listening Session</p> <p>Note: Please note the time as this session is scheduled to last 30 minutes longer than other breakout sessions.</p> <p><i>The U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) invites you to participate in Tribal listening sessions on proposed regulatory amendments to various sections of 25 C.F.R. Part 39 – The Indian School Equalization Program funding methodologies, and Part 39 Subpart G – Student</i></p>	<p>351</p>



Transportation. The BIE will provide an overview of Subpart B – The Indian School Equalization Formula (ISEF), including factors used in base and supplemental funding methodologies, such as gifted and talented programs, language development programs, small school adjustments, and geographic isolation adjustments. In addition, BIE leadership will discuss specific sections of Subpart G – Student Transportation which include non-curricular transportation expenses, non-ISEP student eligibility, development of a contingency fund, and definition of various road types outlined in the regulation. This is one of several sessions to seek input on proposed regulatory amendments to improve the 2002 academic base, residential, and program funding formulas for BIE schools, and Student Transportation program. Tribal stakeholders are encouraged to review 25 C.F.R. Part 39 – ISEP prior to the consultation session and provide proposed amendments during the session for discussion.

Committee Meetings

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TIME (CST)	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Registration / Rules & Credentials / Resolutions Open	Hall E Lobby
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Pop-Up Market - Arts & Crafts Only	Pop-Up Market
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Fifth General Assembly	La Nouvelle Ballroom
8:30	Call to Order Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i>	
8:35	Land Acknowledgement Jonathan Cernek, <i>Chairman, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana</i> Invocation Majorie Battise, <i>Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana</i>	
8:40	Memorials	
8:55	OVW Update Rosie Hidalgo, <i>Director, Office of Violence Against Women, Department of Justice</i>	
9:10	Tribal Supreme Court Project Update Melody McCoy, <i>Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund</i>	
9:25	Voting Rights Update Jacqueline De León, <i>Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund</i>	
9:40	National Native American Boarding School Healing	



	<p>Coalition Update Theresa Sheldon, <i>Director of Policy & Advocacy, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition</i></p>	
9:50	<p>Broadband Native Task Force Update Jean Kiddoo, <i>Chair, Broadband Native Task Force, Federal Communications Commission</i> (video remarks)</p>	
9:55	<p>Tribal Infrastructure Alliance</p>	
10:05	<p>United American Indian Involvement Call to Action Hope Craig-Corlew, <i>Board Chairperson, United American Indian Involvement</i></p>	
10:10	<p>Swearing in of NCAI Executive Committee Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President ● 1st Vice President ● Recording Secretary ● Treasurer ● Regional Vice Presidents ● Alternate Regional Vice Presidents 	
10:40	<p>Resolutions Committee Report W. Ron Allen, <i>Resolutions Committee Co-Chair, National Congress of American Indians</i></p> <p>Leslie Wheelock, <i>Resolutions Committee Co-Chair, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>	
10:45	<p>NCAI Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Economic, Finance & Community Development 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Human Resources ● Land & Natural Resources ● Litigation & Governance ● Veterans 	
11:45	Local Planning Committee Closing Remarks <i>To Be Announced</i>	
11:50	Closing Remarks <i>To Be Announced</i>	
11:55	Closing Invocation & Retire Colors <i>To Be Announced</i>	
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