

THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ACT: **A LEGAL TOOL**

A NEW CANADIAN LAW CALLED THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ACT (UNDRIP ACT)

TOOK EFFECT IN JUNE 2021.

This law requires Canada to align all its laws with the rights outlined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP).

UNDRIP is a comprehensive international human rights instrument setting the minimum standards for Indigenous Peoples' survival, dignity, and wellbeing.

UNDRIP specifically identifies Indigenous women's rights as key to ensuring all Indigenous People access their rights.

Some wonder if the **UNDRIP** Act is performative reconciliation, and that it won't improve Indigenous women's lives.

NWAC has been holding conversations with Indigenous women, leaders, and Knowledge Keepers to advise Canada how UNDRIP should change laws and regulations so that they impact Indigenous women's day-to-day lives.

The **UNDRIP** Act legally binds Canada to take all necessary steps, in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous peoples, to ensure all Canadian laws are consistent with the UN Declaration.

In Summer 2023, Canada will release an action plan outlining precisely how the federal government will go about making Canadian laws compliant with the **UNDRIP** Act.

NWAC is a non-profit organization called the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC). We work to help Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit, Transgender, and Gender-Diverse (WG2STGD) People claim their rights as Indigenous people in their communities and Canadian societies.

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