



# Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

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## UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE (UNDRIP)

The *UN Declaration*, first adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2007, marked a significant milestone in international human rights law. It affirms the rights of Indigenous peoples worldwide and fosters relations grounded in justice, democracy, respect, and good faith.

In June 2021, the Canadian government enacted the *UNDRIP Act*. By June 2023, a federal action plan with 181 measures was introduced to reinforce and advance Indigenous peoples' rights, combat systemic racism, and promote self-governance.

British Columbia has its own framework for the *UN Declaration* and unveiled an action plan in 2022. Similarly, in 2023, the Northwest Territories presented Bill 85, which outlines a strategy for the *Declaration's* implementation.

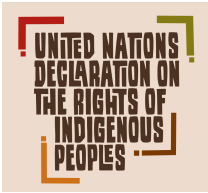
The *UNDRIP Act* signifies progress towards reconciliation but isn't the final destination. This plan charts a course for the collaboration between the Canadian government and First Nations, Inuit, and Métis, aiming for national healing and unity.

*United Nations Declaration  
on the Rights of  
Indigenous Peoples Act  
Action Plan 2023-2028*

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## CALLS TO ACTION & ADVOCACY



***The Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples*** urges provinces, territories, institutions, organizations, and corporations to adopt the *Declaration* in their domains.

View the statement: [declarationcoalition.com](http://declarationcoalition.com)



***The National Healing Forests Initiative*** encourages creating green spaces for reflection on the nation's history, residential schools, the 60s scoop, and MMIWG.

For more info: [nationalhealingforests.ca](http://nationalhealingforests.ca)

## CONTEMPLATION

*Just as the dawn breaks the darkness, revealing the world in its true light, so too does justice break the chains of oppression, revealing a world where every soul is seen and valued –  
Hildegard of Bingen*

As the sun clarifies, knowledge dispels ignorance and prejudice. Reflect on a moment when you felt truly seen and valued. How did that experience influence your perspective on justice and equality?



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