

# Education Jurisdiction Pathways & Joint Education Technical Table

Development of Negotiations Strategy for FNs Control of Education

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First Nations with Schools Collective

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# FNWSC Goal

A FN-led **funding parity plus plus model** for a **FN distinction-based, FN-controlled and FN-designed education system** achieved through a **Nation-to-Nation relationship**.

This entails an honourable governance approach to Nation-to-Nation relations that includes respectful and shared processes with the intent to negotiate:

- 1) Co-determined legislative response to inherent rights & education jurisdiction.
- 2) Comprehensive funding commitment to full jurisdiction based on equity of outcomes.



# Education Jurisdiction - Language

Moving in a strategic way towards full control  
2022-2023 FNWSC Strategic Plan

Education jurisdiction and self-determination is more than

Language teaching according to Ontario curriculum standards or, for example, 40-minute blocks, for grades 4-8

Language teacher recruitment

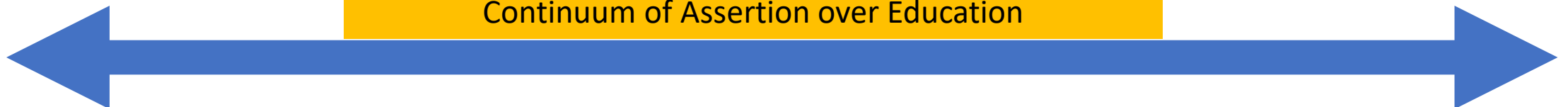
- promotion with accompanying adult language certification programming
- Staff and language acquisition policy

Language as a First Language – non-interference by provincial governments

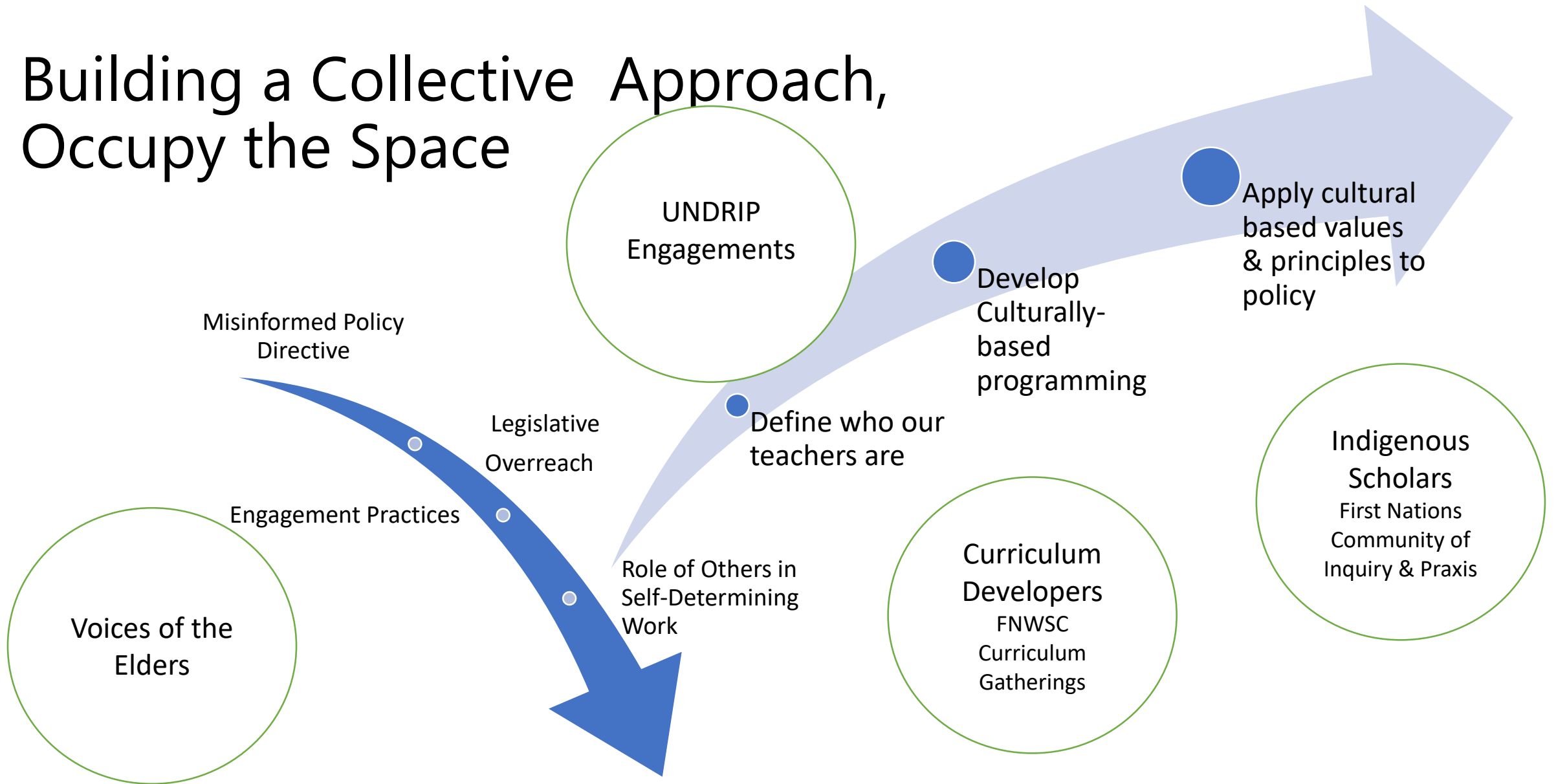
Community Language Courses

- Language nests by families for families
- Fully funded adult learning programming in language

Continuum of Assertion over Education



# Building a Collective Approach, Occupy the Space



# TIMELINE FNWSC-CROWN RELATIONS & JETT

2020-April 2021  
FNWSC re-engages ISC in JETT planning activities Feb 2021  
Letter to Ministers compelling participation of CIRNAC at 1st JETT  
1st JETT table held April 17, 2021

April 2021 - April 2022  
April 16, 2021 Session 1  
June 25, 2021 Session 2  
July 23, 2021 Session 3  
August (cancelled due to election call)  
November 19 Session 4  
Nov 26 Session 5  
Dec. 6 Session 6  
April 11, 2022 Session 7

2022  
Pre-Planning Mtg Jan 28, 2022 results in impasse on way forward  
Letter to Ministers from Chief Ozawanimki requesting a meeting with Chiefs

## Reignite 1st JETT meeting planning

FNWSC gain government support to move ahead with JETT table meeting.

## Phase 1 JETT talks - Information Sharing

Setting the stage for honourable governance through context setting, intention making and sharing of current approaches, mandates and activities.

## Impasse to Phase 2 Negotiation Parameter Setting 'Talks before the Talks'

Maintaining the JETT table as a co-determined space to conclude agreements with both ISC and CIRNAC.

## Introduce Co-determined Evaluation Frameworks – Indigenous Perspective

Framing within DRIPA, resetting how the work SHOULD look.

● **Now (Nov. 2022)**

July 22, 2022 Session 8  
Introduce Indigenous evaluation methodologies for co-design

September 26, 2022 Session 9  
Dr. Goodwin Presentation- Māori Co-Design Framework with Partners

October 28, 2022 Session 10 – CIRNAC now active partners

## Next Steps

Building partnerships and alliances, implementing a political strategy

**Phase 1  
Peace  
Making**



# TIMELINE FNWSC-CROWN RELATIONS & JETT

Now (Nov. 2022)

## UNDRIPA FRAMING

- Developing a table for negotiations
- RIRSD table – Letters of Support, 22-23 Funding Submission – November 30, 2022

## Negotiation Place Setting “Talks before the Talks”

### Engagement Protocol Development

Outlining FNWSC interest in exploratory discussions around an education formula funding model and governance negotiations.

December 8, 2022 – Session 11 – TOR discussion

- Capacity Building
- RIRSD table – Letter
- REA table
- Finalizing TOR

Steps taken to get to a Joint Education Technical Table with the Federal Government concerning equity of education outcomes for First Nation learners belonging to our First Nation communities

2023 Spring

### Three Day Summit

Bring Nations together, reaffirm collective unity amongst nations, gathering within cultural protocols, to deliberate jurisdiction pathways for negotiation strategy development.

### Negotiating Table

Engaging directly with federal government staffers on the need for a joint education technical table with the FNWSC to problem-solve the shortfalls in the proposed IFA approach.

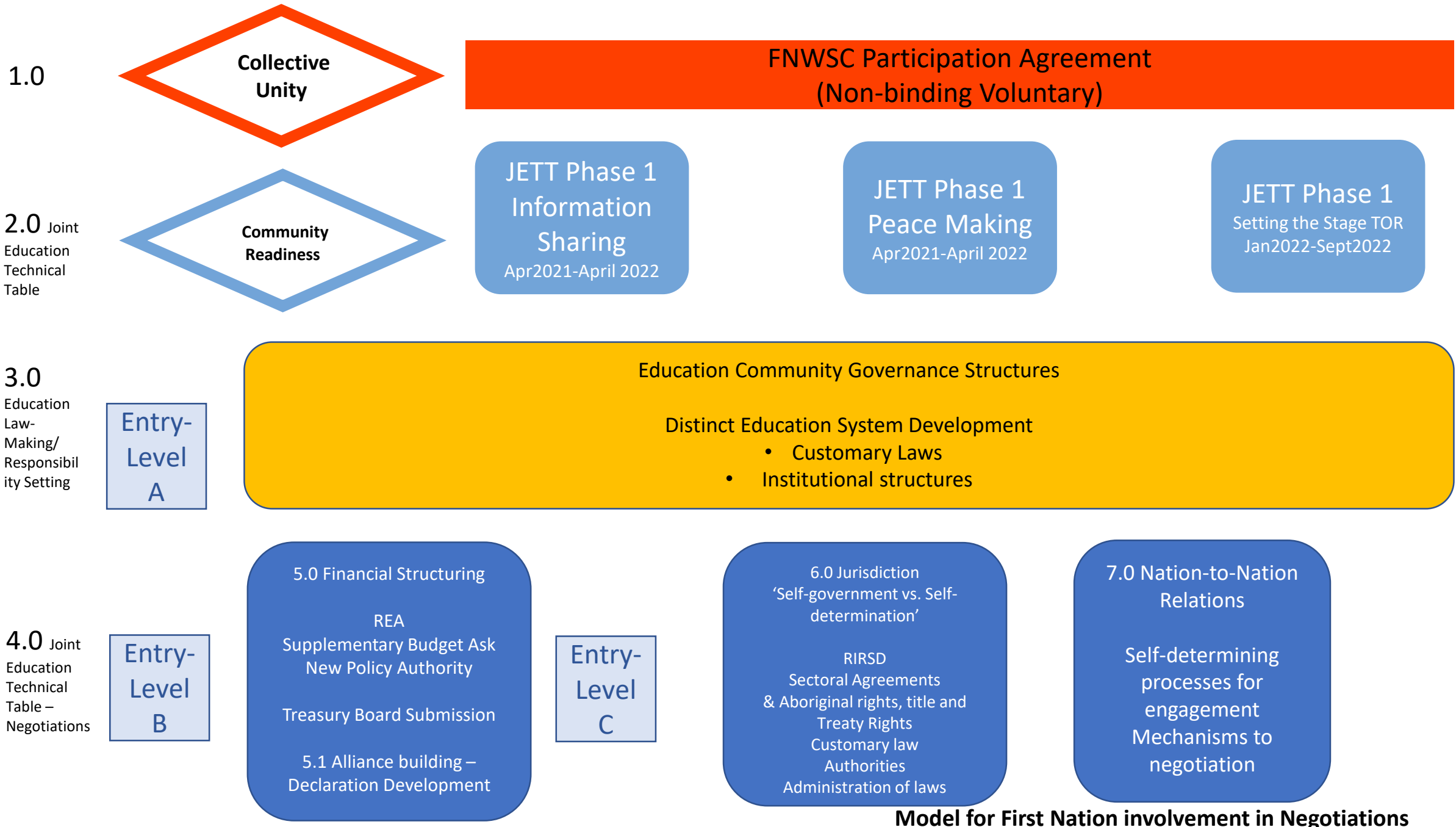
Phase 2

### Planning for 1st JETT Negotiations

Working through the obligatory processes of creating an exploratory table for funding and jurisdiction talks and meeting the standards for co-development and honourable governance.

August 2023

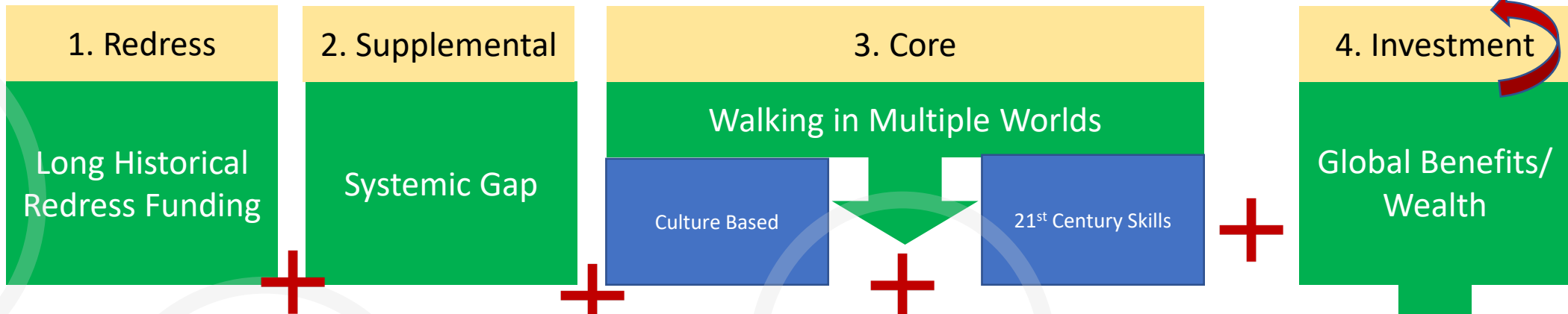




**Model for First Nation involvement in Negotiations**

Global Funding Approach 5.0

Lifelong Learning



Jurisdiction Level

Federal Fiscal Relations	Intergovernmental Relations		Kinship	
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3rd Level

School, Landbased, Outdoor Capital	Digital Archives Indigenous Research	Leadership Development Teacher Certification	Data collection & management Wage parity	Cultural Standards Healing Curriculum
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2nd Level

Wellbeing School Calendar	Land-based Learning-STEM Educator Recruitment/Retention	Education specialists Curriculum Resources	Elders, Cultural Knowledge Keepers Transportation	O&M
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1st Level

Language Immersion	Special Education	Monitoring & assessment		
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- Regenerative Indigenous economies
- Reinvestment in communities
- Inter-nation trade
- Decolonizing wealth
- Revenue Sharing
- Role of Private Sector

Ancestral Continuity

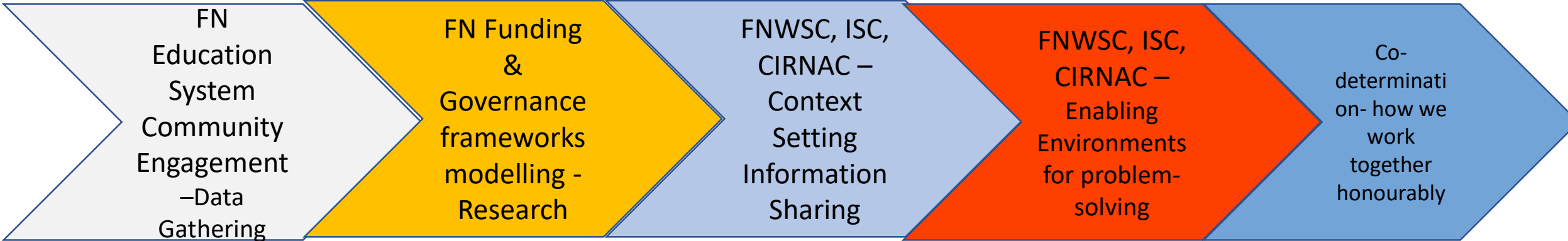
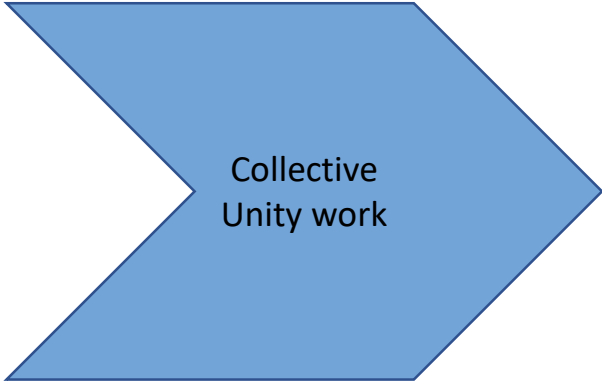
Rights & Responsibilities

Connection to Place

Intergenerational thinking



# Discussions at the FNWSC Table & the Joint Education Technical Table - Where are we now?



2016 - 2022

2021

2022-23

