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UNDRIP Act: Overview of Draft National Action Plan and Update from DOJ

May 5, 2023
10:00 – 1:00 p.m. (EST)

Register and Join Zoom:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEvfuzrrjwGdOPXPDTWFjwnildLoDF_g83

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. Opening Prayer and Remarks from Elder Lauren Blu Waters

10:10 a.m. Welcome and Introduction from Director of Justice, Jackie Lombardi

- Review agenda

10:20 a.m. Update from Department of Justice Canada

- **Keith Smith – Director General of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Implementation Secretariat**

An update on the Action Plan, the engagement that has taken place over the last month, and what the DOJ is doing on their end to make sure First Nations voices are heard and implemented in this process.

10:50 a.m. Open Forum and Q&A

Opportunity to voice questions and comments on the UNDRIP Act, Action Plan, and more with DOJ.

11:20 a.m. Presentation from Woodward and Company LLP

- **Nick Leeson – Senior Counsel**

Legal presentation overviewing the recently released Draft National Action

Plan, its significance on the Final Action Plan due to be released in June, and its potential impacts on First Nations in the Ontario region.

11:50 a.m. Open Forum and Q&A

Opportunity for dialogue with participants and legal counsel on priorities and impacts related to the UNDRIP Act, Action Plan, and beyond.

12:45 a.m. Reflection and Wrap-Up

12:55 a.m. Closing Prayer and Remarks from Elder Lauren Blu Waters