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Sunday, February 21		
10:00-5:00	NCAI Executive Board Meeting	Federal AB
Monday, February 22		
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7:30-5:00	Registration and Rules and Credentials Open	Upper Lobby
9:00-11:00	Native Vote NCAI is working to ensure that American Indian and Alaska Native communities have the tools and technical assistance to provide citizens with the information needed to engage in informed election decision-making voting. This session will emphasize voter protection and ensuring that citizens of Indian Country are able to cast their ballot at convenient locations, without non-restrictive identification, free from intimidation. Please join us in preparing Indian Country to participate in this critical election year.	Federal A
9:00-Noon	NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women The NCAI Task Force will be meeting to discuss recent policy developments.	Federal B
9:00-Noon	Task Force on Federal Acknowledgment The Task Force on Federal Acknowledgment addresses issues regarding the exercise and acknowledgement of tribal sovereignty with a particular focus on the federal recognition process.	Statler A
9:00-Noon	TANF Task Force The NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force will discuss current Tribal, Administrative and Congressional priorities with the goal of improving the function of TANF programs for tribes across Indian Country. The TANF taskforce was established to support efforts to increase tribal authority to administer family support and work readiness programs to	Ohio

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9:00-Noon	<p>serve tribal children and families.</p> <p>Tribal Leaders Meeting on Transportation Implementation and Funding This is a two part session on the tribal transportation: The first part of the discussion is to discuss implementation of the recently passed Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). Attendees will hear from federal representatives of US Department of Transportation and Bureau of Indian Affairs. The second part of this session will focus on federal funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Roads Maintenance Program which has remained stagnant for several fiscal cycles despite an ever-increasing backlog. NCAI will bring together tribal leaders and federal officials to discuss ways to bring increased attention to this crucial infrastructure need.</p>	Pan American
9:00-Noon	<p>Indian Health Service - Contract Support Cost * The IHS Contract Support Working Group will update tribal leaders on the proposal for full funding of Contract Support Cost.</p>	Congressional
9:00-Noon	<p>Tribal Tax Parity – Need for Action This session will continue efforts to advance tax policy on tribal lands. First, we will engage with appointed members of the Tribal Advisory Committee created under the General Welfare Exclusion Act. Second, the Department of Labor has initiated a campaign to hold tribes liable as "commercial" entities for pension audits. Third, we will discuss the recent proposal to eliminate dual taxation in Indian country under the Indian Trader regulations.</p>	Senate
9:00-Noon	<p>Native Student Education * This session will highlight ongoing efforts by the Department of Education and the Department of</p>	South American B

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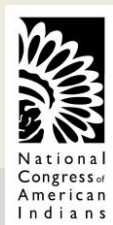


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Noon-1:00	<p>Interior, Bureau of Indian Education to improve the education of Native students. The Department of Education portion of the program will include a discussion of the School Environment Listening Session Final Report released in December, grant opportunities and other Department efforts to ensure that Native students and tribal governments have the tools and environments to thrive. The Bureau of Indian Education will report on recent activities surrounding the agency reorganization to allow tribes to gain more control and autonomy over the education of students in BIE schools.</p> <p>Advocacy 101 Get the most out of your Congressional meetings by attending this annual training session for tribal leaders. Learn proven strategies on how to prepare for and have effective Congressional meetings.</p>	Congressional <i>Closed to Press</i>
1:30-5:00	1st General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
1:40	<p>Invocation</p> <p>Call to Order Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI</p>	
1:45	<p>President's Address Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI</p>	
2:00	<p>Executive Director's Report Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI</p>	
2:15	<p>White House Report Karen Diver, Special Assistant to the President, White House</p>	
2:30	<p>John King, Acting Secretary, Department of Education</p>	

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2:45	Gina McCarthy, Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency	
3:15	US Senator Al Franken (D-MN)	
3:30	Mary Wakefield, Deputy Secretary, US Health and Human Services	
4:00	US Senator Steve Daines (R-MT)	
4:15	Lawrence Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary, US Department of the Interior	
4:30	Tribal Leader Discussion	

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7:30-5:00	Registration Open Rules and Credentials Open	Upper Lobby
8:30-12:00	2nd General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	Call to Order Aaron Payment, Recording Secretary	
	Announcements	
8:40	NCAI Policy Research Center Update	
9:00	Maria Contreras-Sweet, Administrator, Small Business Administration	
9:30	US Congressman Dan Kildee (D-MI)	
9:45	US Senator James Lankford (R-OK)	
10:00	Mary Smith, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service	
10:15	Dr. Jerry Menikoff, Director of the Office for Human Research Protections, US Department of Health & Human Services	
10:45	National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center Deborah Parker, Board member, National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center Mary Kathryn Nagle, Partner, Pipestem Law Firm	
11:00	Native Vote	
11:15	US Senator Jon Tester (D-MT)	
11:30-12:00	Tribal Leader Discussion	

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1:30-5:00	3rd General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	<p>Call to Order Fawn Sharp, Area Vice President, NCAI</p>	
1:40	<p>Supreme Court Project Update</p>	
2:00	<p>US Congressman Don Young (R-AK)</p>	
2:30	<p>US Congresswoman Norma Torres (D-CA)</p>	
2:45	<p>Climate Change Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Director, United Tribes of Michigan</p>	
3:00	<p>US Presidential Campaign Ann O'Leary, Senior Policy Advisor, Hillary for America Campaign</p>	
3:15	<p>Chris Deschene, Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, US Department of Energy</p>	
3:30	<p>Congressman Frank Pallone (D-NJ)</p>	
3:45	<p>US Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN)</p>	
4:00	<p>Champion of Change Recognition Byron Dorgan, Former US Senator, Founder of Center for Native American Youth</p>	
4:15-5:00	<p>Tribal Leader Discussion</p>	
7:00-9:30	18th Annual Leadership Awards Banquet	Presidential Ballrooms

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8:30-Noon	4th General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	Call to Order	
	Announcements	
8:40	US Senator John Barrasso (R-WY)	
9:00	US Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	
9:15	US Congressman Mike Honda (D-CA)	
9:40	Secretary Robert McDonald, US Department of Veteran Affairs	
10:00	US Senator Michael Crapo (R-ID)	
10:20	Minority Leader US House of Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)	
10:40	US Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI)	
11:00	US Congressman Mark Pocan (D-WI)	
11:15	US Presidential Campaign Nicole Willis, Advisor, Bernie Sanders for President	
11:30-12:00	Tribal Leader Discussion	
12:00-1:00	Native Close Up Students Poster Session	Foyer
1:30-5:00	Concurrent Sessions/Hill Visits	
Noon-1:00	Environmental Protection Agency - Listening Session with General Counsel * The EPA has been increasing its engagement and outreach to tribal leaders, and here is another opportunity. Avi Garbow, the General Counsel for the EPA, and Ethan Shenkman, Deputy General	Federal B

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1:00-4:00	<p>Counsel will participate in discussion with tribal leaders and representatives, as will key members of career OGC staff, and representatives of the EPA Office of International and Tribal Affairs. EPA general counsel is involved in any number of active legal issues, relating to air quality, climate, clean power plan, water quality, treatment as a state (TAS), treaty rights, traditional ecological knowledge, etc., but the meeting is open to any topic tribal leaders would like to address.</p> <p>Fee-to-Trust/Rights-of-Way Listening Session * The Department of the Interior has a goal of taking 500,000 acres of land into trust during the Obama Administration. Department officials are seeking input from tribal leaders on how they can improve the fee-to-trust process and expedite any problems that may delay land from being taken into trust. The listening session will also cover the Final Rule that will update 25 CFR 169, Rights-of-Way on Indian Land. This Rule will streamline the process for obtaining BIA approval, ensure consistency with recently updated leasing regulations, increase the flexibility in compensation and valuations, and support landowner decisions regarding the use of their land.</p>	Senate
1:00-3:00	<p>Tribal Leader Prep Session for State Department Consultation The US State Department will host a consultation with tribal leaders and indigenous peoples on Thursday, February 25 from 9am-12pm. The consultation will focus on implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the UN World Conference on Indigenous Peoples Outcome Document. To prepare for the consultation, there will be a tribal leader preparatory meeting to discuss recommendations and proposals for the creation of an expert implementing and monitoring body for the UN</p>	South American B

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1:30-3:00	<p>Declaration and for enhancing the status of indigenous governments in the UN, and other topics following on the World Conference including international repatriation, climate change, and violence against indigenous women. The UN is set to take important action on each of these issues in the coming months. If you plan on attending the State Department consultation, please RSVP separately to LumLL@state.gov by Thursday, February 18.</p> <p>Messaging Key Issues This session will focus on the key messaging around important issuing impacting Indian Country including: the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act; the Interior Improvement Act; the Indian Child Welfare Act; dual taxation and the Indian Trader regulations; juvenile justice legislation, self-governance legislation, and other priorities. This meeting will provide insight into the current legislative and regulatory climate and help conference attendees message these important issues in their Congressional meetings.</p>	Federal A
2:00-4:00	<p>DOI Climate Change Listening Session * The threat and effects of climate change are a high priority for the Obama Administration and for the Department of Interior, particularly as climate change brings new challenges to Indian Country and Alaska Native Villages. The Department is committed to mainstreaming climate change considerations into all Bureau of Indian Affairs activities and supporting federally-recognized tribes to do the same. In this listening session, Department officials are interested hearing in how climate change is affecting native communities and what the BIA can do to support tribal climate resilience.</p>	Federal B

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3:00-5:00	Public Comment, Native American Employment And Training Council, US Department Of Labor * The Native American Employment and Training Council that provides advice to the Secretary of Labor is accepting public comment from tribal leaders and others on employment and training issues affecting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. These programs support activities such as developing academic, occupational and literacy skills; making individuals more competitive in the workforce and equipping them with the entrepreneurial skills necessary for successful self-employment; and promoting the economic and social development in native communities.	Statler A
6:30-8:30	Capitol Hill Reception	National Museum of American Indian

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8:00-5:00	Congressional Hill Visits	
8:00-Noon	Annual FCC Dialogue Session * Dialogue with the Office of Native Affairs & Policy on telecommunications needs in Indian Country and developments at the FCC. For more information please contact Janet Sievert, FCC-ONAP, at janet.sievert@fcc.gov or (202) 418-1362.	Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554
9:00-Noon	FEMA Listening Session: Second Draft of the Tribal Disaster Declaration Policy Guidance * FEMA is providing a listening session on the Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance to federally-recognized tribal governments to gather input on the second draft that, when finalized, will describe the process that tribal governments will use to request Stafford Act declarations and the criteria that FEMA will use to evaluate those direct tribal declaration requests and make recommendations to the President. FEMA will utilize feedback received to inform the final pilot guidance.	California
9:00-Noon	Tribal Law and Order Act, Next Steps The purpose of this session is to prepare for the discussion at the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs later that afternoon.	Michigan
9:00-Noon	US Department of State Consultation * Discussion topics will include reform of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP); enhanced participation of indigenous peoples in the UN; repatriation of cultural items; climate change and Arctic-related topics; and other subjects of interest.	Federal B
10:00-Noon	Contract Support Cost Policy Listening Session * The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Contract Support Cost (CSC) Workgroup is in the process of developing an updated BIA CSC Policy to be	Federal A

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1:00-3:00	<p>included in the Indian Affairs Manual. The purpose of the updated policy is to provide guidance for the full payment of CSC and to ensure that the payment of CSC is accurate, timely, and meets 100 percent of a tribe’s CSC need as calculated under the policy. The Policy also simplifies and streamlines CSC calculation to expedite payment. Department officials would like to receive feedback on the current discussion draft of the proposed CSC Policy.</p> <p>Sacred Sites Listening Session * Tribal governments and the Obama Administration have placed a high priority on identifying, protecting, and preserving sacred sites. The Department of the Interior would like to provide an update regarding the Interagency Memorandum of Understanding for the Protection of Indian Sacred Sites and a proposed training session on sacred sites. Department leadership would also like to hear ideas from tribal leaders on how the Department and other federal agencies can improve protection and preservation of sacred sites.</p>	Federal A
1:00-3:00	<p>Homelessness among American Indians and Alaska Natives Listening Session * The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness and the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Education, and Veterans Affairs recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding interagency coordination and collaboration for setting a path to end homelessness among American Indians and Alaska Natives. We invite you to participate in a listening session to help guide this ongoing work.</p>	Federal B

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OTHER MEETINGS & EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, DC (NOT HOSTED BY NCAI)

Date & Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, Feb 23		
12:00-1:00	<p>National Indian Women “Honor Luncheon” The National Indian Women “Supporting Each Other” has been honoring Native Women Leaders over the past 20 years! This honor has been provided for their leadership at the local, regional & national level. For more information, please contact Julie Johnson at julie2008@centurytel.net.</p>	Federal A&B
2:00-3:00	<p>Violence Against Women & Implementation of VAWA 2013 Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction Congressional Briefing For more information contact: Jacqueline Agtuca at JAgtuca@NIWRC.org</p>	Room 121, Cannon Building
5:00-7:00	<p>Model Food and Agriculture Code for Indian Country Roundtable Discussion and Briefing on "Seeds of Native Health" project funded by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, MAZON and the Agua Fund and led by the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative. Light refreshments will be served; group discussion concerning the scope of the project seeking input from Tribal leadership and their advisors.</p>	Senate
5:00-7:00	<p>Center For Native American Youth (CNAY) Reception Join Senator Byron Dorgan (ret.) and distinguished guests for a reception to celebrate the Center for Native American Youth’s Fifth Anniversary. The reception will welcome CNAY’s new Executive Director, honor Native American youth leaders as 2016 Champions for Change, and will include remarks from notable speakers celebrating our youngest First Americans. Please contact Josie Raphaelito at josie.raaphaelito@aspeninst.org.</p>	Federal A&B

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Wednesday, Feb 24 1:00-4:00	Systems of Care for Children's Mental Health Expansion and Sustainability: Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Tribal Training This session will provide a summary of tribal systems of care grants to date, review a new Funding Opportunity Announcement, and help participants determine whether this opportunity is right for their tribe.	Pan American
Thursday, Feb 25 1:15-2:15	Congressional Roundtable with Congressman Ruiz and Democratic Ranking Members	Room 234, Cannon House Office Building
1:30	The Tribal Law and Order Act 5 Years Later: Next Steps to Improving Justice Systems in Indian Communities	Room 216, Hart Senate Office Building

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