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**ANNUAL CONVENTION
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OCTOBER 30, 2022 - NOVEMBER 4, 2022



Saturday, October 29

11:00 - 12:30 **NCAI Fund Board Meeting**
Room: Meeting Room 1 and 2

1:30 - 5:00 **NCAI Executive Committee Board Meeting**
Room: Meeting Room 1 and 2

Sunday, October 30

9:00 - 6:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**
Room: Ballroom B Prefunction

9:00 - 3:30 **NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women** **Closed to Press**
Room: Ballroom B2

The NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against American Indian and Alaska Native women. Today task force members will highlight tribal programs that prevent and address violence against women in Indian Country, examine national and international violence against women policy work, and coordinate efforts to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act with strong tribal provisions in the 117th Congress.

9:00 - 12:00 **Civic Engagement Power Building Strategy and Tactics for Success**
Room: Ballroom B5

In this session, we will have a workshop to provide a walk-through on how individuals and organizations can prepare a Get-Out-the-Vote (GOTV) plan of action for their communities. Participants will engage in discussion about election protection, how to become a poll worker, and successfully increase voter registration and participation in various local, county, state, and general elections. At the completion of the workshop, all participants will receive a GOTV toolkit to utilize in their respective community. This workshop is free and open to the public. All participants will be provided lunch following this workshop.

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9:00 - 11:30 **TASK FORCES AND WORKSHOPS: MORNING SESSIONS**

Please note that Task Forces and Workshops are open and do not require registration for NCAI's Annual Convention.

Climate Action Task Force

Room: Ballroom B4

The working mission of the Climate Action Task Force is to “document, inform, and support the climate action efforts of Tribal Nations and native organizations, and identify and advocate for policies and funding designed to empower their ability to engage in effective, sustainable climate action.” This task force meeting will provide an overview of administrative and congressional updates to improve and expand federal support for tribal climate actions and will be led by the Task Force’s co-chairs.

NCAI Addiction Task Force

Room: Ballroom B8 and B10

Join the NCAI Addiction Task Force to discuss administrative and legislative priorities to increase access and improve the function of behavioral health and addiction programs at the tribal level. The Addiction Task Force continues to support efforts to advance education, treatment, preventative services, and public safety in tribal communities.

NCAI Technology Task Force

Room: Ballroom B3

The NCAI Technology Task Force will hold an open meeting to discuss work in the fields of technology and telecommunications in Indian Country. The Task Force is composed of tribal leadership, tribal telecommunications companies, Information Technology experts, entrepreneurs, and representatives from tribal organizations.

Peyote Working Group

Room: Ballroom B6

The NCAI Peyote Task Force will discuss the current landscape of Peyote conservation and preservation. This task force will focus on barriers to American Indian Religious Freedom and challenges the Native American Church faces.

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1:00 - 3:30 **TASK FORCES AND WORKSHOPS: AFTERNOON SESSIONS**

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NCAI Tribal Border Caucus

Closed to Press

Room: Meeting Room 1

Tribal citizen crossing of the United States-Canada and United States-Mexico borders for traditional, cultural, or religious purposes has been a paramount concern for Tribal Nations split by the invisible lines that divided their homelands and relatives. The Tribal Border Caucus invites all northern, southern, and Alaska border Tribal Nations to provide updates and discuss ongoing issues such as navigating the opening of the borders during the COVID-19 pandemic, travel visas, treaty rights, and searches of tribal regalia or cultural items.

NCAI Tax and Finance Task Force

Room: Ballroom B3

Tax revenue is essential to help build healthy rural and regional economies. Join the NCAI Tax and Finance Task Force for an open meeting to discuss work in the fields of tax and finance in Indian Country. This Task Force has been charged with advancing tribal priorities on legislative and administrative tax and finance policy, developing solutions to dual taxation, facilitating tribal engagement with the U.S. Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee (TTAC), and sharing information regarding tribal-state tax agreements.

NCAI Federal Recognition Task Force

Room: Ballroom B4

The Federal Recognition Task Force works to address the unique interests of both federally recognized and non-federally recognized Tribal Nations, including: the federal acknowledgment process, how federally recognized and non-federally recognized Tribal Nations work with state and local entities, and other issues. The Federal Recognition Task Force invites all interested Tribal Nations and citizens to participate.

NCAI Native Languages Task Force

Room: Ballroom B6

Developments in Native languages have taken place at the tribal, state, and federal policy levels. Tribal nations are taking innovative approaches to revitalizing their languages, and states are adopting Native languages as official state languages. This is an open session of the Native Languages Task Force to discuss Native American language protection and revitalization from tribal leaders' perspectives.

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NCAI-ITA Joint Transportation Task Force

Room: Ballroom B1

The NCAI-ITA Joint Transportation Task Force is focused on building a unified advocacy approach to tribal transportation development and legislative reauthorization to promote safety and prosperity in tribal communities and to ensure the United States upholds its government-to-government relationship with Tribal Nations.

4:00 - 5:00 **Resolutions Committee Meeting**

Room: Ballroom B4

5:30 - 7:30 **Elected Leader Reception**

Room: Ballroom B5

Private reception for elected Tribal Leaders and Alaska Native Corporation leaders. Registered leaders at the conference are invited to engage directly with Senior Congressional leadership, federal administration officials and special guests.

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Monday, October 31

7:00 - 8:00 **Native Prayer Sunrise Gathering**

Location: Outdoor Activity Plaza (immediately outside of convention center)

The public is invited to attend NCAI's Morning Ceremony. This gathering will help us start our day in a good way by sharing encouraging stories of faith and strengthening our relationships.

9:00 - 5:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials/Resolutions Open**

Room: Ballroom B Prefunction

8:30 - 12:00 **LISTENING SESSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS**

Please note that Federal Government Consultations and Listening Sessions are open and do not require registration for NCAI's Annual Convention.

Administration for Children and Families Annual Tribal Consultation

Room: Ballroom B3

During this Tribal Consultation session, ACF leadership will be available to meet with Tribal leaders to discuss issues important to the Tribes and ACF Tribal program priorities. Specific topics include, but are not limited to: child welfare, early childhood facilities/construction, sustainability of investments from the American Rescue plan, and economic mobility. More information including background materials will be posted at: [2022 ACF Tribal Consultation](#).

Tribal Technical Assistance Training on Key FCC Programs: Affordable Connectivity Program, Broadband Data Collection, E-Rate (Schools and Libraries) Program

Room: Ballroom B1

This event is designed to provide information that will help Tribal Nations identify and evaluate opportunities to develop more robust broadband infrastructure and services in Tribal communities. It is also designed to provide information about the FCC and how it conducts its regulatory responsibilities, and to encourage Tribal participation in the regulatory process. It will also cover three key FCC initiatives currently underway that will greatly benefit Tribes and residents on Tribal lands.



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Working with Tribes to Enhance the National Science Foundation's Consultation and Engagement on STEM Research and Education

Room: Ballroom B2

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is committed to fully integrating science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) research with education so that today's innovative work will also serve to prepare tomorrow's top scientists and engineers. One of NSF's priorities is working with Tribal nations to support their engagement in STEM research and education. In this listening session, NSF would like to gather additional perspectives from Tribal nations and communities regarding how NSF's consultation and engagement efforts can be improved through research policies and practices and potential strategies for addressing issues of concern to the Tribal nations.

Water is Life – Achieving Balance between Tribal Perspectives and State Practice

Room: Ballroom B4

In this session, the California Department of Water Resources will provide updates on the State of California's strategic plan to equitably manage and develop water resources and discuss how Tribal Nations can collaborate and promote climate resilience across various water sectors covering groundwater management, energy, regenerative agriculture, habitat restoration and cultural resource protection. This session will also address issues of drought and emergency events—such as flooding and wildfire—and will cover water equity and the promotion of tribal collaboration and partnership in projects and grant funding.

U.S. Census Bureau Tribal Consultation - 2020 AIAN Data Product: Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File and planning for the 2030 Census

Room: Ballroom B8 and B10

The U.S. Census Bureau invites you to attend our in-person Tribal Consultation on the content and design of the Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A (Detailed DHC-A) and Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File B (Detailed DHC-B). The Detailed DHC-A will provide population counts and sex by age statistics for detailed American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages, and the Detailed DHC-B will provide household type and tenure information for detailed American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages. This tribal consultation will also present information on the 2030 FRN. For the first time, tribes and the public can formally give input on planning and designing the 2030 census.



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Truth, Justice, and Healing

Room: Ballroom B6

The National Native Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) invites you to join us in a talking circle to discuss best practices for healing within our communities and to find common ground within the circle for strength, love and compassion. Join us in this truth telling time and become an advocate for S.2907 / H.R. 5444, the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act.

Homeland Security and Sovereignty in the Arctic Region

Room: Ballroom B7

Due to increasing threats to the Arctic region caused by climate change and more outsider activity, enhanced partnership is needed between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Alaskan Native people. Protecting and advancing U.S. national security interests throughout the Arctic remains a DHS priority, a sentiment shared by Alaskan Natives who also want to protect their sovereignty and interests. During this session, DHS will share information about Arctic efforts, receive input, and lay the foundation for forthcoming Tribal consultation which will inform DHS Components when considering promulgation of policies, making budgetary or legislative recommendations, and executing statutory requirements through regulation, as appropriate.

10:30 - 12:00 LISTENING SESSIONS/CONSULTATIONS/ORIENTATION

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Grow with Google Digital Skills Workshop: Digital Skills for Everyday Tasks

Room: Meeting Room 2

Learn how to manage business and life tasks more effectively using Google tools. Whether you want to create a to-do list, meeting agenda, or presentation, these best practices will boost your productivity. This workshop will be led by Grow with Google's new Indigenous Community Digital Coach, Jake Foreman.

Tribal-State Collaboration and Consultation in the Newsom Administration

Room: Ballroom B6

Officials from the California Governor's Office of Tribal Affairs, Natural Resources Agency and Department of Social Services will host a roundtable to discuss current and ongoing collaborative initiatives to elevate tribal people and priorities within State governance and policy making, including the California Truth & Healing Council, Ancestral Lands Policy and Indian Child Welfare Act.

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Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to Protect Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Expressions: A Preview of Upcoming Consultations with the USPTO

Room: Ballroom B5

Efforts to secure international and domestic legal protections for Indigenous knowledge and cultural expressions, consistent with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, have ramped up. Negotiation of international legal standards for such protections are underway at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and soon the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will conduct formal tribal consultations on these negotiations. Laws surrounding intellectual property (IP) rights can be very complex, and the goal of this session is to help build capacity for informed participation in the upcoming USPTO consultations. Our panel of tribal representatives, IP experts, and others involved in the WIPO negotiations will provide background on IP rights, key issues under negotiation, positions taken by the US on these issues, and Indigenous rights perspectives.

Feedback for the Department of Homeland Security: Violence and HSIN

Room: Ballroom B7 and B9

A Conversation with the Department of Homeland Security Counter Terrorism and Threat Prevention Policy Office: Addressing Threats and Violence Against Native American and Alaskan Native People: Targeted violence, hate crimes, and domestic violent extremism have all been on the rise in recent years. This session will define these threats, provide information about recent trends, and note some of the efforts at the Department of Homeland Security to combat such violence. Most importantly, this session will provide a forum for a conversation so that DHS can hear about threats and violence against Native communities and people, including MMIP, and how DHS can support efforts to eliminate violence impacting indigenous people.

Reimagining the Homeland Security Information Network: Seeking Input from Indian Country: The DHS Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) provides its partners, including Indian Country, with easy-to-use IT solutions to meet public safety and emergency management challenges. The HSIN platform allows nations to safeguard and share information so they can plan for and prepare for incidents and events. HSIN is reimagining the platform and seeks input from Tribes regarding the redesign.

Preparing a Workforce of Tomorrow by Strengthening the Role of Workers Today

Room: Ballroom B2

The focus of this workshop is to discuss the economic impact the COVID crisis had on Indian Country and how the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Division of Indian and Native American Programs is working to address the needs of workers.

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12:00 - 1:00 **New Members Orientation**

Room: Ballroom B4

All members are invited to join us at this informative session on membership, committees, voting, and more. Light refreshments provided.

2:00 - 5:00 First General Assembly **Room: Hall B**

2:00

Call to Order

Fawn Sharp, President, National Congress of American Indians

2:05

Presentation of the Colors

Tule River Tribe Color Guard
Strawberry Valley Rancheria Color Guard

Drum Group

Tule River Tribe

2:10

Land Acknowledgement

Steve Hutchason, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Wilton Rancheria

Dance Group

Cali Kalti Crew (Wilton Rancheria)

2:20

Invocation

Chairman Jack Potter, Jr.

2:25

Welcome from Local Host

Chairwoman Regina Cuellar, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
Chairman Jesus Tarango, Wilton Rancheria

2:35

Rules of the Convention

Patrick Anderson, Chair, NCAI Rules & Credentials Committee

2:40

Resolutions Process Report

Leslie Wheelock, Co-Chair, NCAI Resolutions Committee

2:45

President's Report

Fawn Sharp, President, National Congress of American Indians

2:55

Executive Director's Report

Larry Wright, Jr., Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians

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3:10

NCAI Regional Reports

NCAI Executive Committee Members

Alaska Region

Eastern Oklahoma Region

Great Plains Region

Midwest Region

Northeast Region

Northwest Region

Pacific Region

Southeast Region

Southern Plains Region

Southwest Region

Western Region

5:30 - 6:30 **NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs' Meeting with Resolutions Committee**

Room: Ballroom B4

NCAI requests that all Committee and Subcommittee chairs attend this important meeting.

7:00 - 8:30 **Welcome Reception/Marketplace Open**

Room: Hall A

Please join the Local Planning Committee and local tribal leaders as they welcome NCAI attendees to the Pacific region and help us kick off the opening of the Marketplace with light food and special entertainment.

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Tuesday, November 1

7:30 - 5:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials/Resolutions Open**
Room: Ballroom B Prefunction

10:00 - 5:00 **Marketplace Open**
Room: Hall A

8:30 - 11:30 SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Room: Hall B

8:30 **Call to Order**
Mark Macarro, 1st Vice President, National Congress of American Indians

8:35 **Invocation**

8:40 **Department of the Interior Update**
Secretary Deb Haaland, U.S. Department of the Interior - *virtual*

8:45 **The Future of Native Languages Panel**
A panel comprised of federal officials and tribal leaders discuss the importance of Native languages and the opportunities that exist for their revitalization.

Moderator: Ryan Wilson, Co-Chair of NCAI Native Languages Task Force

Panel:

Chief Ben Barnes, Shawnee Tribe

Head Councilman Joe Garcia, Ohkay Owingeh

Jason Cummins, Deputy Director, Initiative on American Indian & Alaska Native Education - *virtual*

Hope MacDonald Lone Tree, Deputy Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans

Tracy Goodluck, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs

9:55 **Empowering Tribal Leader Series**
Chairwoman Lynn "Nay" Valbuena, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

10:20 **The Castro-Huerta Decision — Part I Panel**
Tribal leaders lead a moderated discussion about the Castro-Huerta case and its many possible impacts for tribal jurisdiction and tribal sovereignty.

Remarks: Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary of the Interior - Indian Affairs

Moderator: John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund

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Panel:

Chief Chuck Hoskin, Cherokee Nation—*virtual*
Principal Chief David Hill, Muscogee Creek Nation
President Fawn Sharp, National Congress of American Indians
Representative Julius Murray III, Ute Indian Tribe
Chair Teri Gobin, Tulalip Tribes
Melody McCoy, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

1:00 - 2:30 **CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS**

U.S. Census Bureau: Updates on the 2020 Census, Census Geography Programs and the 2030 Census

Room: Ballroom B2

In this session, Census Bureau researchers will highlight results from the 2020 Census for the American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) population. An overview of results from the Census Bureau's research last decade will be provided, including highlights from the 2010 Census Alternative Questionnaire Experiment, the 2015 National Content Test, and the 2017 Census Test. Census Bureau geographers will give overview of tribal geography collected by the U.S. Census Bureau and the geography programs that tribes need to be aware of and to participate in and when they occur. Staff will discuss the location of online tools and resources such as shapefiles, maps, guides and more. Session will end with information on the planning for the 2030 census and how tribes can provide input on the planning and design of the next census.

Digital Jurisdiction and Data Sovereignty

Room: Ballroom B4

With the rapid expansion of broadband infrastructure in Indian Country and increased data collection throughout the world, Tribal Nations must start thinking about and advocating for our digital rights. But what are data sovereignty and digital jurisdiction? And why do they matter? This panel will introduce audience members to the key concepts and considerations in the field of Tribal digital jurisdiction and equity and provide insight into why and how Tribal Nations and Tribal Organizations should be advocating in this space.

Intersections between Missing and Murdered Indigenous People and Targeted Violence: A Briefing of Federal Resources Available to Tribes

Room: Ballroom B6

A panel representing two U.S. Government agencies, the FBI and DHS, will identify several existing federal resources which can assist in addressing the MMIP crisis. Prevention resources will include public awareness campaigns on human trafficking, online safety education programs, and targeted violence prevention tools, including funding through the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program. Incident response resources will include investigative resources, biometric and other law enforcement tools, and victim services programs.

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Offshore Wind Development: Protecting Tribal Resources and Creating Community Benefits

Room: Ballroom B5

Join attorneys Marion Werkheiser and Will Cook for a discussion about offshore wind energy development, the importance of tribal consultation and engagement, potential adverse impacts of an industrialized ocean, and ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate that harm. Creative solutions that mitigate adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, prevent destruction of sacred sites and cultural landscapes, and protect historic properties will ensure that tribal and historic communities are not left to pay the cost while developers make billions in profits.

3:00 - 4:00 REGIONAL CAUCUS MEETINGS

Closed to Press

Alaska Region - Room: Ballroom B

Great Plains Region - Room: Meeting Room 2

Northeast Region - Room: Meeting Room 1

Pacific Region - Room: Ballroom B2

Southeast Region - Room: Ballroom A7

Southwest Region - Room: Ballroom B4

Eastern Oklahoma Region - Room: Ballroom B5

Midwest Region - Room: Ballroom B3

Northwest Region - Room: Ballroom B7/B9

Rocky Mountain Region - Room: Ballroom B8/B10

Southern Plains Region - Room: Ballroom A8

Western Region - Room: Ballroom B6

4:30 - 7:00 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

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Room: Meeting Room 2

Disabilities

Elders

Room: Ballroom B1

Economic Development, Finance &

Employment

Room: Ballroom B6

Education

Indian Child & Family Welfare

Room: Ballroom B5

Energy & Mineral Policy

Environmental Protection & Land Use

Trust Lands, Natural Resources, &

Agriculture

Room: Meeting Room 1

Health

Room: Ballroom B7/B9

Public Safety & Justice

Room: Ballroom A8

Housing

Room: Ballroom B8/B10

Technology & Telecommunications

Room: Ballroom B3

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns

Room: Ballroom A7

Transportation & Infrastructure

Room: Ballroom B4

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government

Room: Ballroom B2

Taxation

Tribal Gaming

7:00 - 9:00 Gala Banquet

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Room: Ballroom A1

Come enjoy delicious food and an evening of warm company and pleasant memories. This will be an evening you won't want to miss! Limited tickets are available at registration.

Wednesday, November 2

7:30 - 5:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials/Resolutions Open**

Room: Ballroom B Prefunction

10:00 - 5:00 **Marketplace Open**

Room: Hall A

8:30 - 11:30 THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Room: Hall B

8:30 **Call to Order**

Stephen Roe Lewis, Recording Secretary, National Congress of American Indians

8:35 **Invocation**

Chairman Mark Macarro, Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

8:40 **Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Presentation**

Chairman Keith Anderson, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Rebecca Crooks-Stratton, Secretary/Treasurer, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Willie Hardacker, General Counsel, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

8:50 **The Castro-Huerta Decision — Part II**

Tribal Organization leadership and legal practitioners participate in a moderated discussion about the Castro-Huerta case and its many possible impacts for tribal jurisdiction and tribal sovereignty.

Panelists:

Stephen Greetham, Senior Counsel, Chickasaw Nation
Jason Decker, Senior Associate, Patterson, Earnheart, Real Bird & Wilson LLP
Sara Hill, Attorney General, Cherokee Nation
Mary Kathryn Nagle (*Cherokee Nation*), Attorney & Playwright
Geri Wisner, Attorney General, Muscogee Creek Nation

9:55 **NCAI Youth Commission Update**

The NCAI Tribal Youth Commission will update the General Assembly on the work it has accomplished during its tenure as well as introduce the next cohort of youth leaders.

MakanaLani Pike, White Mountain Apache and San Carlos Apache
Jonathan Arakawa, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Yanenowi Logan, Seneca Nation of Indians

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Simon Friday, Organized Village of Kake
Jessica Lambert, Choctaw Nation and Eastern Band Cherokees

10:05

UNITY: Restoring the Spirit of Native Youth

In response to the Global COVID-19 Pandemic, members of the National UNITY Council Executive Committee have introduced the “Restoring the Spirit of Native Youth” Initiative before UNITY and NCAI last year - this session will be focus on UNITY’s National Youth Initiatives to inspire collective action, to bring about healing, wellness and mental health, cultural teachings to empower Native youth to actively pursue a balanced lifestyle.

Presenters:

Chenoa Scippio, Co-President (Pueblo of Santa Clara/Navajo), National UNITY Council
Colby WhiteThunder, Co-President (Alabama-Coushatta), National UNITY Council
Jonathan Arakawa, Northwest Representative (Lower Elwha Klallam), National UNITY Council

10:15

Grow with Google

Join NCAI for a conversation with Google and tribal leaders about how technology can be used to stimulate economic development, create jobs, and strengthen economies.

Moderator: President Fawn Sharp, National Congress of American Indians

Panelists:

Joe James, Chairman, Yurok Tribe
Derrick Watchman, President, Sagebrush Hill Group LLC and Chairman, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development Board
Jake Foreman, Indigenous Community Digital Coach, Grow With Google
Grace Perez, Internal Lead, Google Aboriginal & Indigenous Network

11:15

Association on American Indian Affairs Update

Frank Ettawageshik, Board President, Association on American Indian Affairs

11:30 - 12:30

Youth Honoring Luncheon

Hyatt Regency Sacramento, Regency Ballroom ABC

NCAI Youth Leadership Awards presented by Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association. Limited tickets are available for purchase at registration.

1:00 - 2:30

CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS

Economic Sovereignty: Re-Building the Tribal Economy—Post Pandemic Strategy for Comprehensive Economic Development

Room: Ballroom B2

Blue Stone Strategy Partners Team will discuss key trends, the ongoing need for economic development, planning for diversification, keeping the tribal dollars in the tribal community as

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well as highlight case studies showcasing best practices from within Indian Country. During these uncertain times now, more than ever before, it is crucial to plan towards a progressive, diversified portfolio that allows tribes to spread the risk and develop business ventures that will translate into jobs and post pandemic economic security not only for tribal governments but also for their tribal members. The ability to provide meaningful, full-time employment in the multitude of fields and professions that are necessary for the day-to-day governance, human needs, education and well-being of the tribal members is one of the most important benchmarks for tribal self-sustainability.

Nation-to-Nation: Organizing Indian Country to Protect Sovereignty in Cannabis Policy

Room: Ballroom B4

A panel discussion with the Indigenous Cannabis Industry Association on organizing to advance Tribal Sovereignty and Indian Self-Determination in cannabis. Join us to discuss the strategies and priorities in federal cannabis reform and learn how we can all work in unity on behalf of Indian Country. Listen as ICIA's special guest Gary Farmer aka "Uncle Brownie" from the hit Hulu/FX Series Reservation Dogs shares his insights on cannabis as medicine and the role the media has to help end the negative stigma.

The Intersection of Tribal Elders Health and the Exercise of Tribal Sovereignty

Room: Ballroom B5

The workshop explores possible avenues that would reaffirm the sovereignty of tribal governments in the delivery of health and social services to their tribal elders. Issues include health care, LTSS, and a look at what future issues loom ahead for tribes and the care of their elders.

Protection of our Lands and People is a Sovereign Responsibility

Room: Ballroom B6

A panel discussion to better understand the integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) and the sovereign rights, authority, and unique status of Tribal Nations. Tribal Nations are not required to get state approval to send alerts. Native Public Media, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), and the Navajo Nation will discuss the unique cross-jurisdictional challenges of public alert and warning and share how Tribes can become involved in IPAWS using different platforms, including radio to save lives and property.

3:00 - 4:00 **REGIONAL CAUCUS MEETINGS**

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Alaska Region - *Room: Meeting Room 1*

Great Plains Region - *NOT MEETING*

Northeast Region - *Room: Ballroom B8/B10*

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Midwest Region - *Room: NOT MEETING*

Northwest Region - *Room: Ballroom B7/B9*

Rocky Mountain Region - *NOT MEETING*

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Employment — NOT MEETING

Room: Ballroom B6

Education
Indian Child & Family Welfare — NOT MEETING

Room: Ballroom B5

Energy & Mineral Policy
Environmental Protection & Land Use
Trust Lands, Natural Resources, &
Agriculture

Room: Meeting Room 1

Health

Room: Ballroom B7/B9

Public Safety & Justice — NOT MEETING

Room: Ballroom A8

Housing — NOT MEETING

Room: Ballroom B8/B10

Technology & Telecommunications

Room: Ballroom B3

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns

Room: Ballroom A7

Transportation & Infrastructure — NOT
MEETING

Room: Ballroom B4

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government

Room: Ballroom B2

Taxation — NOT MEETING
Tribal Gaming — NOT MEETING

7:00 - 9:00 **Cultural Night**

Room: Ballroom A1

Please join the Local Planning Committee at an evening showcasing the culture and arts of California. Limited tickets are available at registration.

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Thursday, November 3

7:30 - 12:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials/Resolutions Open**

Room: Ballroom B Prefunction

10:00 - 5:00 **Marketplace Open**

Room: Hall A

8:30 - 11:30 FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Room: Hall B

8:30 **Call to Order**

Shannon Holsey, Treasurer, National Congress of American Indians

Invocation

Chairman Russell "Buster" Attebery, Karuk Tribe

8:45 **Unpacking the Honoring Promises Act**

In response to the Broken Promises report detailing the failures of the federal government in upholding the trust responsibility, members of Congress are planning to introduce the Honoring Promises Act—this session will be a first look at what is in the legislation and will include a discussion of how the Act can be strengthened.

Moderator: Vice-President Fawn Sharp, Quinault Nation

Panel:

Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
Karen Narasaki, Commissioner (Former), United States Commission on Civil Rights
Alex Blenkinsopp, Legislative Staff, Senator Warren (D-MA)
Caroline Ackerman, Legislative Staff, Senator Warren (D-MA)

9:35 **Dams and Water Resources**

A mix of federal officials and tribal leaders come together for a moderated discussion about the impacts of dams, climate change, and other development projects have had on water resources, and what Tribal Nations can do to take control of their own waterways.

Moderator: Chairman Russell "Buster" Attebery, Karuk Tribe

Panel:

Chairman Samuel Penney, Nez Perce Tribe
Chairman Joe James, Yurok Tribe
Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community
Michael Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works

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10:30

Looking Ahead to the Brackeen Case

On November 9, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the Brackeen case, and the future of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) hangs in the balance. This session will not only discuss the case and its possible implications, but will also focus on what Tribal Nations and individuals can do to protect Native children and ICWA.

Moderator: Sarah Kastelic, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association

Panel:

Vice-President Fawn Sharp, Quinault Nation

Chairman Charles Martin, Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Joe Deere, Councilman, Cherokee Nation

Erin Lynch, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

David Simmons, Government Affairs & Advocacy Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association

11:30 - 12:30 **Elder's Luncheon**

Room: Ballroom A1

Come enjoy a relaxing lunch with great company and special entertainment. Limited tickets are available for purchase at registration.

1:00 - 2:30 **CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS**

National Indian Education Study (NIES): Data Results and Tools for Defending Sovereignty

Room: Ballroom B2

The workshop will include data from the most recent administration of the National Indian Education Study (NIES) report. NIES is the largest nationally representative study of American Indian and Alaska Native students which includes achievement and survey data regarding Native language and culture. Presenters will discuss data findings from NIES within a larger context (e.g., the role of language and culture in creating and sustaining nurturing learning environments) and engage the audience in a discussion of these findings.

Gaining Ground: Indian Country Priorities for the 2023 Farm Bill

Room: Ballroom B6

As the original stewards of this land, Tribal nations and Native producers are essential in strengthening our food economies and the continued survival of our citizens. The work from the 2018 Farm Bill does not stop at 63 tribal provisions. The Native Farm Bill Coalition invites you to be a part of advancing Native agriculture and learn more about Indian Country's priorities for the 2023 Farm Bill.

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**Tribally Driven Solutions to Climate Resilience, Managed Retreat, and Village Relocation:
Experiences of the Akiak Native Community and Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe**

Room: Ballroom B4

Join tribal leaders and experts as they discuss what it means to plan for climate change and its impact on communities and their living conditions.

Designing a Dispute Resolution System for U.S.-Tribal Disputes

Room: Ballroom B5

Tribal leaders, experts, and attendees will come together to consider what a dispute resolution mechanism designed to mediate disagreement between Tribal Nations and the United States might look like. The goal of this session is to produce principles and/or mechanisms that could be incorporated into future legislation--including, potentially, inclusion in the Honoring Promises Act.

3:00 - 4:00 REGIONAL CAUCUS MEETINGS (Optional)

Closed to Press

Alaska Region - *Room: Ballroom B*

Great Plains Region - *Room: Meeting Room 2*

Northeast Region - *Room: Meeting Room 1*

Pacific Region - *Room: Ballroom B2*

Southeast Region - *Room: Ballroom A7*

Southwest Region - *Room: Ballroom B4*

Eastern Oklahoma Region - *Room: Ballroom B5*

Midwest Region - *Room: Ballroom B3*

Northwest Region - *Room: Ballroom B7/B9*

Rocky Mountain Region - *Room: Ballroom B8/B10*

Southern Plains Region - *Room: Ballroom A8*

Western Region - *Room: Ballroom B6*

4:30 - 7:00 FULL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Closed to Press

Economic, Finance & Community Development - *Ballroom B1*

Human Resources - *Ballroom B2*

Land & Natural Resources - *Ballroom B4*

Litigation & Governance - *Ballroom B5*

Veterans - *Ballroom B6*

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Friday, November 4

8:00 - 12:00 **Marketplace (Indian Arts & Crafts only)**

Room: Hall B Foyer

8:30 - 11:30 FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Room: Hall B

8:30

Call to Order

Fawn Sharp, President, National Congress of American Indians

Invocation

Rosemary Morillo, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians

8:40

Memorials

8:50

Tribal Supreme Court Project Update

Formed in 2001 in response to a series of U.S. Supreme Court cases that negatively affected tribal sovereignty, the Tribal Supreme Court Project promotes coordination and improves strategy on litigation that may affect the rights of all Tribal Nations.

Melody McCoy, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

9:05

Native Vote Update

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) will provide an update on the upcoming election and will provide valuable information regarding protecting your right to vote.

Jacqueline De León, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

9:20

Breaking Barriers in Elected Leadership

James C. Ramos, Assemblymember, California State Legislature

9:30

Assembly of First Nations Update

RoseAnne Archibald (*Taykwa Tagamou Nation*), First National Chief, Assembly of First Nations

9:40

Treasurer's Report

Shannon Holsey, Treasurer, National Congress of American Indians

9:50

Announcements and Swearing in of NCAI Executive Board Members

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- 10:05 **Resolutions Committee Report**
Full Committee Reports and Consideration of Resolutions
Economic, Finance & Community Development
Human Resources
Land & Natural Resources
Litigation & Governance
Veterans
- 11:20 **Retire Colors**
Tule River Tribe
Strawberry Valley Rancheria
- 11:25 **Closing Invocation**
- 11:30 **Adjourn 79th Annual Convention**