



## **2016 White House Tribal Nations Conference Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: When will the 2016 White House Tribal Nations Conference be held?**

A: The 8<sup>th</sup> Tribal Nations Conference will be held September 26-27, 2016.

**Q: Where will the 2016 Tribal Nations Conference be held?**

A: The first day of the Conference will be held at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium located at 1301 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC, 20240. The second day will be held at U.S. Department of the Interior located at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC, 20240.

**Q: Where do I register for the 2016 Tribal Nations Conference?**

A: Please register for the Conference [here](#) or by using this link: <https://goo.gl/p6W3J7>

**Q: Can I register via phone?**

A: Unfortunately, you are not able to register via phone. Please [register here](#).

**Q: Can I bring more than one representative?**

A: Regretfully, due to space constraints we can only accommodate one representative from each tribe.

**Q: Our tribal chairman cannot attend; may we send another elected representative from our tribe?**

A: Yes, however only one person per tribe may participate in the Tribal Nations Conference. Tribal leaders who cannot attend any of the events must approve another member of the tribe to represent the tribe on the tribal leader's behalf. Any requests for exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Q: Can Tribal Organizations send a representative to the conference?**

A: Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate organizations at the Conference at this time. The purpose of the conference is to further strengthen the nation-to-nation relationship between federally recognized tribes and the Obama Administration.

**Q: What is the format of the Conference?**

A: Similar to previous years, the Conference will consist of plenary sessions, but new to this year's Conference, Tribal Leaders are also invited to attend the White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNAA/Council) Subgroup meetings on a separate day.

**Q: What is a White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNAA/Council) Subgroup meeting?**

A: The WHCNAA subgroups are comprised of high-level inter-agency officials who work on all-of-government initiatives, policies, and deliverables to promote and sustain prosperous and resilient tribal nations. The subgroups address health, economic development and infrastructure, energy development, and other key areas referenced in Executive Order 13647. Tribal leader engagement is key to the progress of the subgroups.

**Q: When and where will the White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNAA/Council) Subgroup Meetings be held?**

A: The White House Council on Native American Affairs Subgroup meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at the U.S. Department of the Interior located at 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC, 20240.

**Q: What topics will be covered during the WHCNAA/Council Subgroup meetings?**

A: The Conference [registration website](#) has a listing of topics that will be covered.

**Q: How do I RSVP to attend the WHCNAA/Council Subgroup meetings?**

A: To RSVP for a WHCNAA/Subgroup meeting, all Tribal Leaders are invited to select a preferred topic area while [registering](#) for the Conference. Please note that we may not be able to accommodate every Tribal Leaders' preference.

**Q: Does the White House provide for travel or accommodations?**

A: No. The White House is unable to provide travel or hotel accommodations.

**Q: Is there a host or preferred hotel?**

A: No, but local tribal organizations may be able to assist with lodging recommendations.

**Q: Will the President participate?**

A: The President is expected to participate.

**Q: May our tribal delegation meet separately with the President while we are there?**

A: Regretfully, due to the volume of inquiries and the time constraints of the President's schedule, we are unable to consider any meeting requests with the President.

**Q: Why is the conference being held at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium and the U.S. Department of the Interior?**

A: We are inviting all 567 federally recognized tribes to send a representative to the Conference, and the space at the Mellon Auditorium and the Department of the Interior will be large enough to accommodate the audience.

**Q: Will the White House Tribal Nations Conference be held again in the future?**

A: The President established the White House Council on Native American Affairs in part to ensure that the federal government meets annually with federally recognized tribes at conferences like this. We are proud to be hosting the conference again this year.

**Q: Will Native youth participate in this year's Tribal Nations Conference?**

A: Yes, there will be a broad representation of Native youth who have taken the Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) Challenge.

You can [register](#) for the 2016 TNC and WHCNAA Subgroup meetings [here](#).

For any questions related to the Tribal Nations Conference registration site, please contact us at [TNCregistration@ios.doi.gov](mailto:TNCregistration@ios.doi.gov).

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