



National
Congress of
American
Indians

21st Century Trust Modernization Forum

at the

National Museum of the American
Indian, Washington, DC

**Thursday, January 14, 2016
1 - 4 pm EST**



The Trust Modernization Workgroup, a collection of national and regional tribal organizations, is hosting a forum focused on the history of the trust relationship, the current state of the trust system and relationship, and the new vision for modernizing the trust for Indian Country in the 21st Century.



The Forum agenda features a keynote address by Kevin Gover, Director of the National Museum of the American Indian, on understanding the historical context and the need for rethinking the tribal-federal trust relationship. Tribal leaders from across Indian Country will present the five key principles and strategies of Indian Trust Modernization. Forum participants are encouraged to engage in discussion that will lead to a vision of a better trust framework and generate strategies to create a 21st Century trust for 21st Century tribes.



We hope you join us for this enlightening discussion.

RSVP to NCAI at jlowther@ncai.org



The forum will be webcast at

<http://americanindian.si.edu/webcasts>



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21st Century Trust Modernization Forum Agenda

- 1:00 pm** **Welcome & Invocation**
- *President Brian Cladoosby, National Congress of American Indians*
- 1:15 pm** **Historical Perspectives and the Context for the Trust Relationship:
The Case for Modernization**
- *Kevin Gover, Director, National Museum of the American Indian*
- 2:00 pm** **Current State of the Trust Responsibility and Relationship**
- *Deputy Secretary Mike Connor, Department of the Interior*
- 2:40 pm** **Tribal Leader Discussion: A Vision for New Trust Modernization
Principles and Strategies**
- I. Strengthen Federal-Tribal Relations**
 - *President Russell Begaye, Navajo Nation*
- II. Strengthen Trust Standards – Adopt Implementing Laws and
Regulations**
 - *Lieutenant Governor Jefferson Keel, Chickasaw Nation*
- III. Strengthen Federal Management – For Trust Assets and
Programs Still Subject to Federal Control**
 - *Chairman Dave Archambault II, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe*
- IV. Strengthen Federal Funding and Improve Its Efficiency – A
Pillar of the Trust Responsibility**
 - *President Emeritus Ed Thomas, Central Council of the Tlingit
and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*
- V. Strengthen Tribal Sovereignty – Empower Each Tribe to
Define its Path**
 - *Chairman Brian Cladoosby, Swinomish Indian Tribal
Community*
- Moderator: Lifetime Chief Lynn Malerba, Mohegan Tribe**
- 3:50 pm** **Concluding Remarks**

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