



2015 White House Tribal Nations Conference FAQ

Q: Where will the 2015 Tribal Nations Conference be held?

A: The Conference opening, closing and breakout sessions will be held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center located at 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, in Washington DC.

Q: Previous conferences have been held at the Department of the Interior – why is it being held at the Reagan Building?

A: We appreciate the Department of the Interior’s willingness to provide the venue for the previous conferences. Due to renovations happening at that facility, they are unable to host it this year, leading to the new venue.

Q: Why isn’t the conference being held at the White House?

A: We are inviting all 567 federally recognized tribes to send a representative to the Conference, and we need a location that ensures we have enough space.

Q: Will the President participate?

A: The President is expected to participate.

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 government-to-government 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 both plenary sessions and breakout sessions to ensure tribal leaders have an opportunity to engage directly with senior administration officials. You will receive the final agenda a few days before the Conference.

Q: What topics will be covered during the breakout sessions?

A: The Conference RSVP webform lists the topics that will be covered by the breakout sessions on both November 4th and November 5th. These topics were informed by input from tribal leaders. We invite each tribal leader to select a preferred breakout session when they register for the conference. Please note that we will try our best to accommodate preferences, but that we cannot guarantee that every tribal leader will be assigned their preferred session topic.

The webform can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/a/bia.gov/forms/d/1LrU9Dggo0WO7GuLigRXzBJR73YI4PTGgc8nydwIVGUE/viewform>

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: 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: Can I register via phone?

A: No, please register at

<https://docs.google.com/a/bia.gov/forms/d/1LrU9Dggo0WO7GuLigRXzBJR73YI4PTGgc8nydwIVGUE/viewform> by **10 p.m. EST on Monday, October 26, 2015**. A confirmation will be sent by e-mail. If you have questions about the registration form, please email Faith Begay at faith.begay@bia.gov.

Q: I am a member of the press, can I cover the conference?

A: Yes. Please contact White House Communications by emailing Media_affairs@who.eop.gov.

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.

For any additional questions, please contact us at IndianCountry@who.eop.gov.