



**HEALTHY
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The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Incorporating UNDRIP into Your Work

- Introductions
 - Name
 - Territory where you live/work
 - An example of how you have approached UNDRIP in your work **OR**;
 - What you hope to learn in the session
- UNDRIP Primer – Tara
- Small Group Exercise
- Sharing & Reflection





UNDRIP Primer - Timeline

- **Pre 1945:** Indigenous Peoples began appealing to the League of Nations before United Nations established (Haudenosaunee & Maori)
- **1971:** Cobo Report on Discrimination @ United Nations
- **1982:** Working Group on Indigenous Populations
- **1989:** International Labour Organization Convention 169
- **1992:** First Complete UNDRIP Draft
- **2000:** UN Permanent Forum for Indigenous Peoples
- **2007:** UNDRIP Passed at UN General Assembly, Canada, United States, Australia and New Zealand Vote NO
- **2009-14:** Special Rapporteur/Indigenous Lawyer James Anaya global country visits and reports to the General Assembly
- **2016:** Canada removes official “objector status”
- **2019:** BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act passed; federal Bill C262 killed in Senate
- **2021:** Federal United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act passed

Global Indigenous Peoples

- 476 million+ Indigenous people in 90 countries
- 6.2 percent of global population
- 5,000 distinct groups
- Speak majority of world's 7,000+ languages
- 3 times as likely to be living in extreme poverty
- Continued connection to land in face of colonization
- Distinct social, economic political systems



Map: Native Land Digital

Types of Rights & State Responsibilities

Preamble & 46 Articles:

- Foundational Rights
- Life & Security
- Political & Economic Rights
- Lands, Territories & Resources
- Self-Government
- Culture, Religion, Language
- Education, Knowledge, Media, Employment
- Implementation
- Minimum Standards

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UNDRIP Articles Relevant to Healthy Watersheds Initiative



ARTICLE	QUICK REFERENCE	RELEVANCE
18	Decision Making	Right to be involved in decisions affecting rights; decisions regarding projects; funding; land access
20-2, 28	Redress	Returning lands/waters to pre-contact state, restoration of damaged watersheds, funding for restoration in Indigenous-led projects
24-1	Traditional Medicines	Many traditional medicines found in or near wetlands, large # of wetlands restoration projects
25	Spiritual Relationship	Projects encouraged to respect and include cultural and spiritual protocols/ceremonies
26	Land	Rights to land, support for Indigenous-led projects, partnerships, stewardship & restoration work
29-1	Conservation of Environment	HWI supports conservation work led by Indigenous peoples
36	Rights to Relationships	Indigenous nations relationships across colonial borders, HWI projects encouraged to engage nations regardless of borders
39	Financial Assistance	States providing financial resources for UNDRIP implementation, BC funding supports 1/3 of HWI projects led by Indigenous peoples



Group Exercise

1. Facilitators assign everyone to an Article posterboard
2. Read the Article, HWI Relevance, and Project/Insight Example (3-5 minutes)
3. Discuss as a group (10 minutes)
4. Reflect on potential applicability to your current or future watershed work
5. Jot down ideas or reflections on sticky notes, attach to side panels on posterboards (5 minutes)
6. Note takers will listen in and record discussion highlights
7. Come back to larger group share something that:
 1. Surprised you, OR
 2. What you are still not clear about, OR
 3. What you are excited to action –
8. Groups do not have to do full report-backs! Final sharing optional (5 minutes)



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