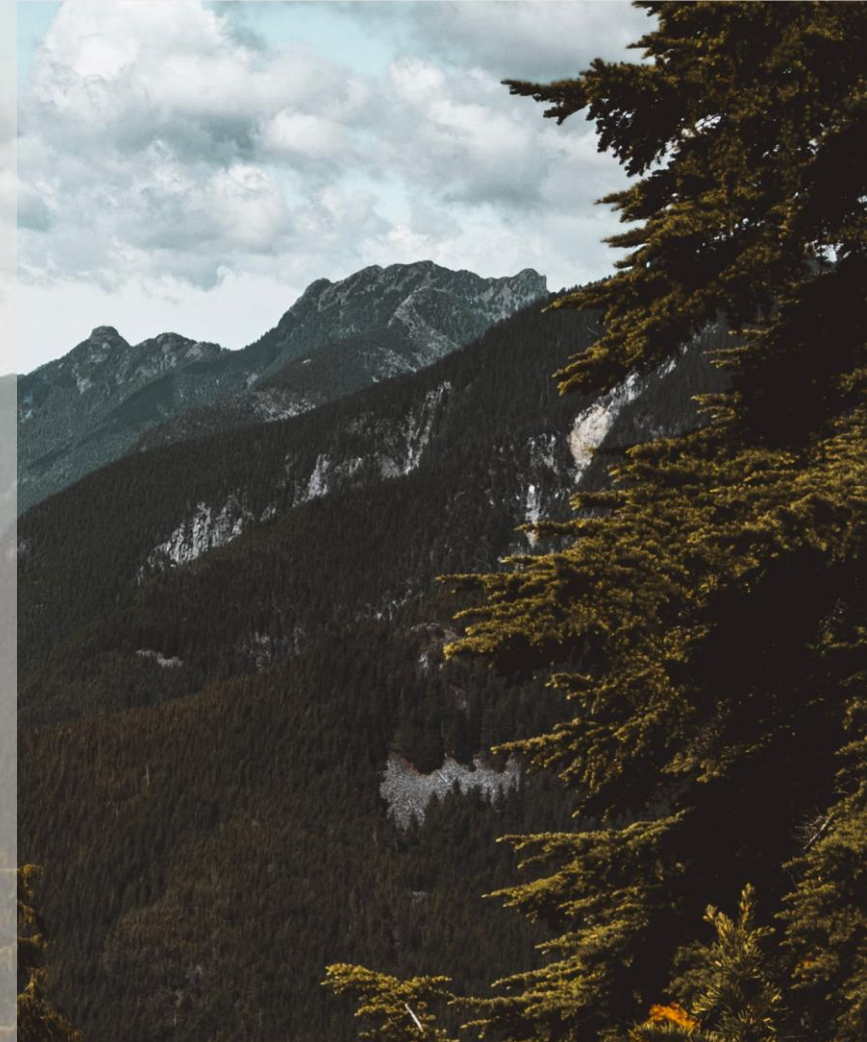


MINERAL TENURE ACT REFORM

Interest Groups Session #1



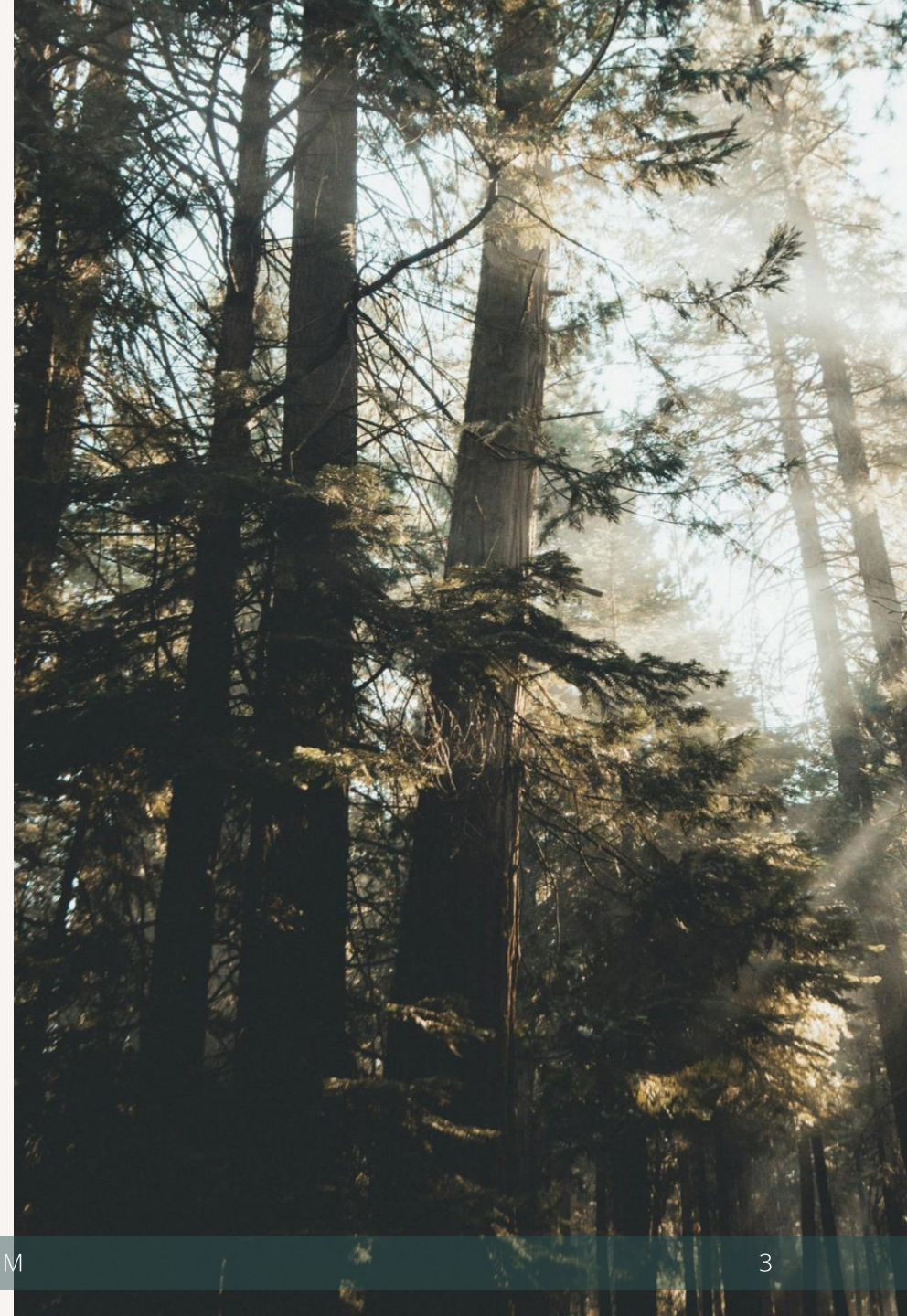


WELCOME, OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Land acknowledgement
- Speaker introductions

HOUSEKEEPING

- Q&A
- Submit questions
 - via Zoom Chat
 - by email to MTA@gov.bc.ca
- Session recording





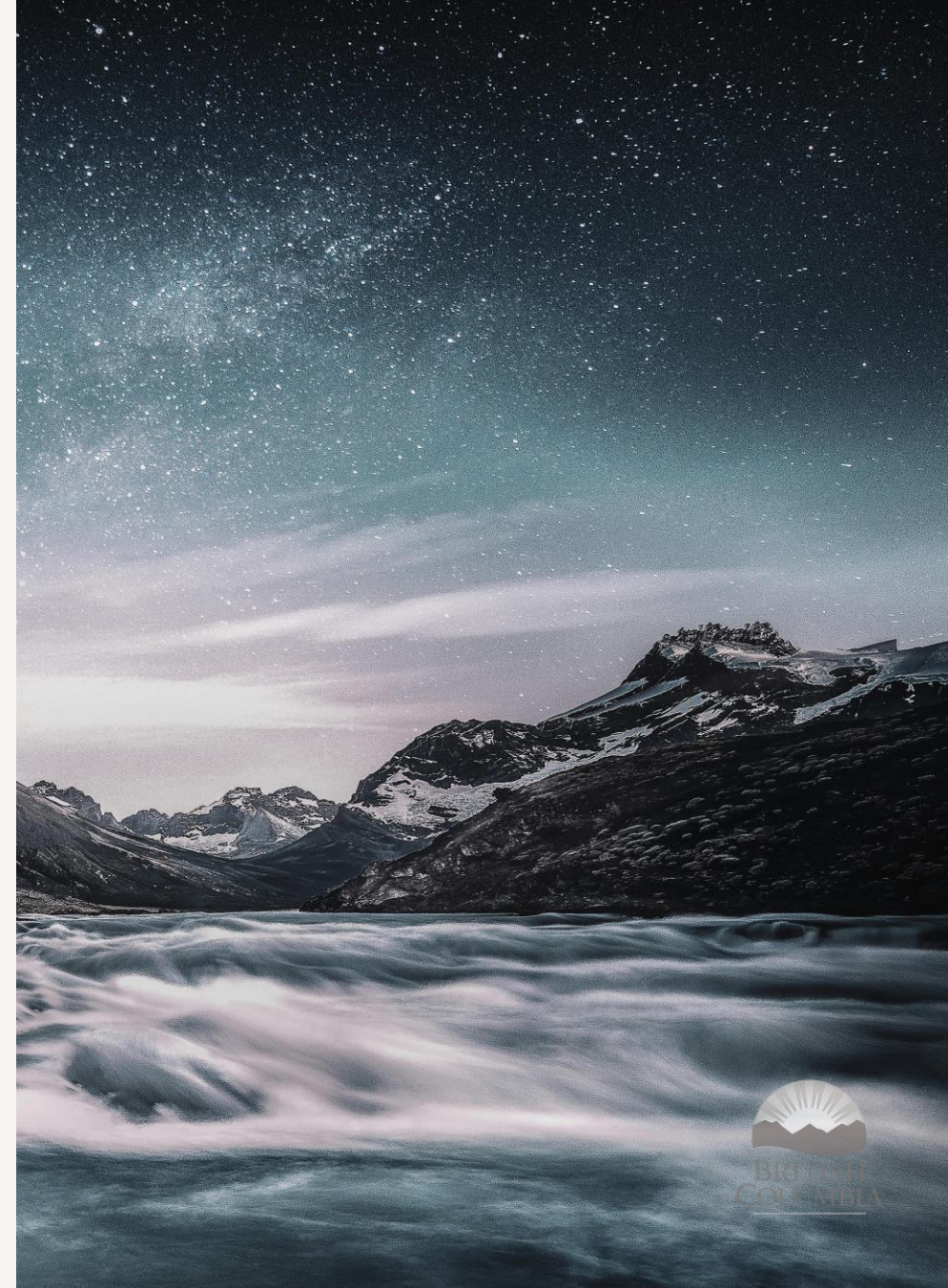
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AGENDA OVERVIEW

- Part 1: Background
- Part 2: Discussion and survey themes
- Part 3: Engagement approach
- Part 4: Q&A
- Part 5: Next Steps



MEETING OBJECTIVES

**Why MTA
reform**

**What we've
heard**

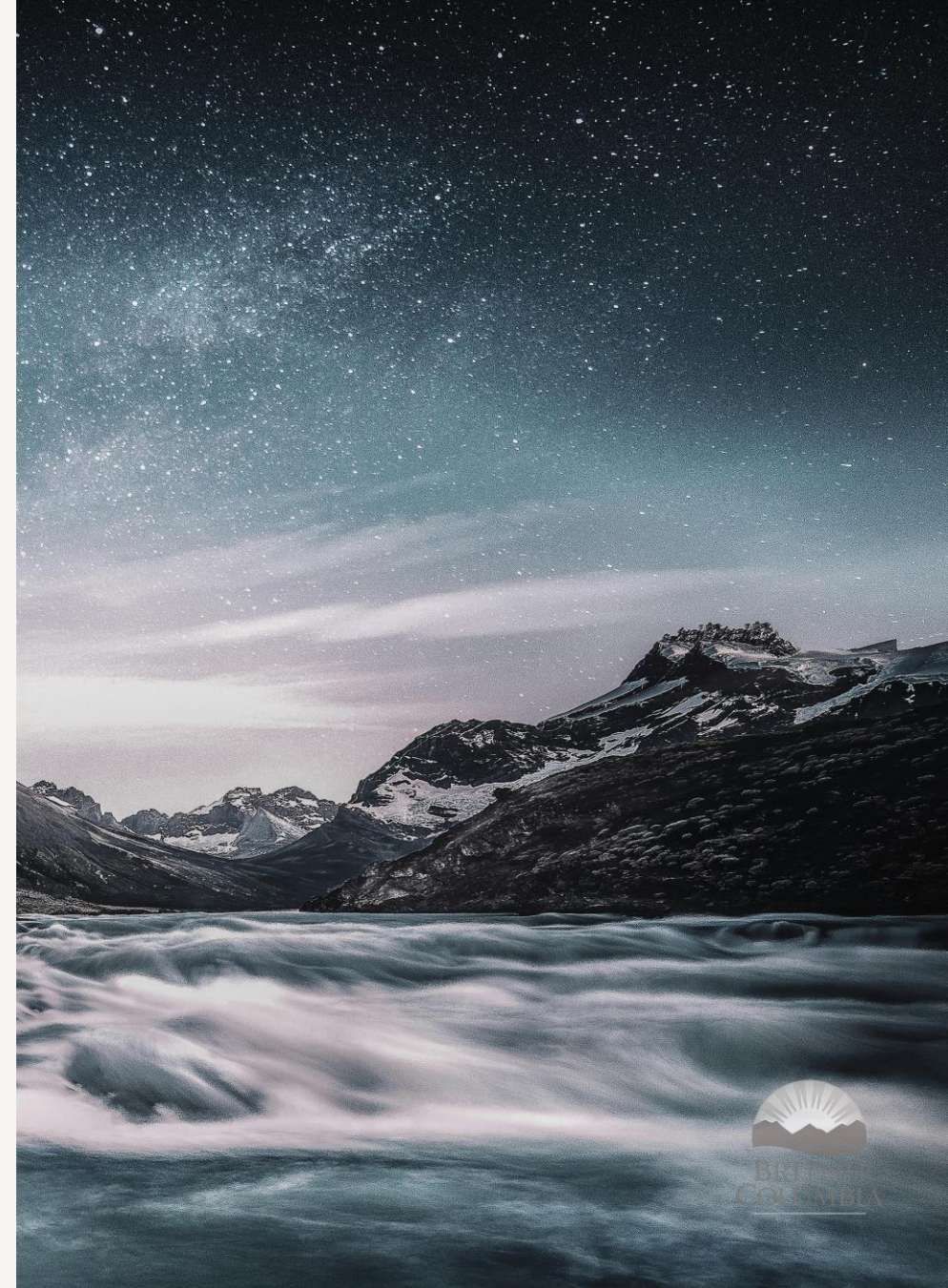
**Engagement
approach**

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PART 1: BACKGROUND



UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

UNDRIP was adopted by the United Nations in 2007 after almost 25 years of negotiations

UNDRIP is fundamentally a comprehensive human rights document

Includes 46 Articles that speak to:

- both individual and collective rights to identity, education, health, employment, language, etc.
- the right to remain distinct and pursue their priorities in economic, social, and cultural development
- discrimination against Indigenous peoples and promote their full and effective participation in all matters that concern them
- encourages harmonious and cooperative relations between States and Indigenous Peoples

DECLARATION ACT

The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (Declaration Act) was passed unanimously on November 26, 2019, by the BC legislature

Developed jointly with Indigenous leaders and legal advisors, introduced through historic ceremony

Declaration Act established the UN Declaration as the Province's framework for reconciliation

Declaration Act Action Plan developed in consultation and cooperation with Indigenous Peoples to implement the Declaration Act and achieve the objectives of the UN Declaration



CONSULTATION & COOPERATION

- Consultation and cooperation effort intended to ensure First Nations perspectives, worldviews, title, rights, and interests, including as expressed in the UN Declaration, are integrated within policy concepts and options for MTA reform.
- Key priorities:
 - Transparency
 - Accessibility
 - Iterative, innovative and flexible
 - Undertaken in good faith; uphold honour of the Crown
 - Distinctions-based approach



PART 2:
WHAT WE'VE HEARD



2024 PRE-ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK

Opportunities

- Address environmental concerns
- Eliminate silos
- Collaboration between industry and First Nations
- Incorporate best practices
- Recognize BC's mining industry globally

Challenges

- More inclusive and robust engagement for interest groups
- Access to information, resources, opportunities to participate
- Additional people and groups to engage

Process

- Potential administrative burdens on explorers
- Lack of resources and potential disadvantages for independent prospectors and small companies
- First Nations territories and boundaries
- New potential risks


SURVEY RESULTS

Feedback themes

- Inclusive and robust engagement for interest groups
- Concerns about investor confidence and intellectual property rights
- Impacts to raw resource groups and secondary industries

Groups to include

- Industry groups
- Professional organizations and firms
- Community groups and municipalities
- Advocacy and environmental groups
- Tourism and recreational groups



PART 3:
ENGAGEMENT
APPROACH

Interest Group Engagement Streams

**Operational
Effectiveness
Table**

**Focus group
sessions**

**All interest
groups**



Operational Effectiveness Table (OET)

Subject matter experts to apply industry lens to policy concepts and draft legislation

- AMEBC and MABC
- Address operational challenges and propose solutions
 - e.g. Licensing, compliance, and enforcement systems
 - e.g. Operational implementation of consultation and consent



Focus Groups

Interest group representatives to provide:

- preliminary feedback to inform policy concepts
- feedback on draft legislation

Target participants: ENGOs, Free Miner Certificate Holders/Mineral Tenure Holders, investment community

Areas of focus:

- lessons learned from implementation of current legislation
- environmental and operation considerations to improve updated legislation



All Interest Group Opportunities

Information sharing and feedback opportunities

- Virtual and in-person sessions
- Conference workshops
- Area Director forums
- Delegations
- Conference presentations
- Website
- Recorded webinars

INTEREST GROUPS ENGAGEMENT STREAMS

Operational Effectiveness Table

Industry associations

Focus group sessions

Free Miner Certificate holders

ENGOS

Investment community

All interest groups

Local government workshops, delegations, and conferences

Conference presentations

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PROMOTION AND OUTREACH

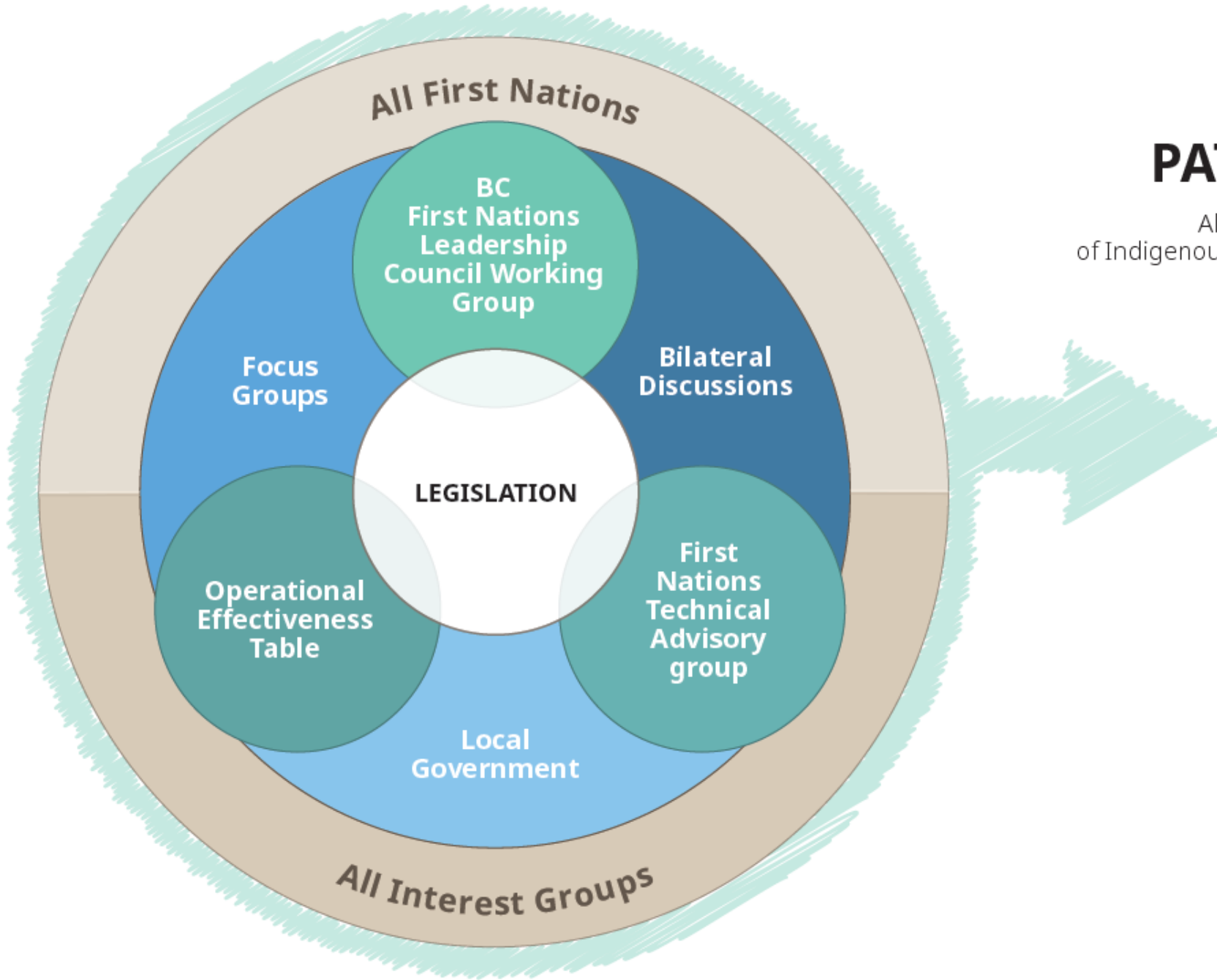
Invitations sent to:

- all previous interest group session participants
- Free Mineral Certificate holders
- Non-government organizations

Email sign up through Mailchimp

MTA REFORM PATH TO LEGISLATION

Aligned with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Action 2.14 in the DRIPA action plan.



1 INITIATION

2 APPROACH AND OUTLINE

3 INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEGISLATION

4 DRAFT LEGISLATION

5 TABLE LEGISLATION

TIMELINE



*Note: Seeking Cabinet direction for scope of legislative reform for March 2025; remain committed to full legislative transformation



PART 4:
QA

DISCUSSION

- Are any interests at risk of being missed?
- Is there anything else we should consider to maximize the value of this process?




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- mute microphone until invited to share

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PART 5:
NEXT STEPS



NEXT STEPS

SCHEDULE AND UPCOMING SESSIONS

Virtual and in-person sessions for interest groups	Ongoing
Conferences and related events KEG Minerals North	Ongoing April 9-10 May 8-10
Inaugural Operational Effectiveness Table	Late April
Inaugural focus group sessions	May
Self-serve information through website	Ongoing

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