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Modern Treaty and Self-Governing First Nations Bring Nation-Building Momentum to Ottawa

Historic participation puts experienced partners and shared opportunities in the spotlight

Ottawa, Ontario — October 25, 2026— Canada's nation-building conversation is gaining experienced partners. Leaders representing Canada's 29 First Nations who have entered into modern treaties and self-government agreements (MT/SGs) are being welcomed as partners by First Ministers to the First Ministers' and First Nations meeting (FMFNM) being held on October 26, 2026. First Nations members of the Land Claims Agreements Coalition (LCAC) welcome the opportunity to build on decades of treaty-making, successful implementation and to deepen partnership with First Ministers.

"We are looking forward to our participation and sending a strong message that Canada's nation-building ambitions and our own priorities can advance together, creating stronger communities, thriving economies and lasting prosperity" said Eva Clayton, President of the Nisga'a Nation and Co-Chair of the LCAC.

Modern treaties and self-government agreements encompass approximately 40 per cent of Canada's land base and well over two-thirds of its coastline, including adjacent marine shipping routes, making them vital to Canada's economy and central to Canada's future.

As established governments, MT/SG partners have unique jurisdiction, lands, project experience and a track record of turning partnerships into results. Across Canada, they are advancing their own nation-building, through major projects and initiatives. Prime examples are the Nisga'a Nation's Ksi Lisims LNG project in British Columbia, the Tłı̨chǫ Government's work on the Arctic Economic and Security Corridor, and Whitecap Dakota's Virtual Health Hub project serving remote communities that are shaping the next generation of infrastructure, investment, jobs and services.

First Nations members of the LCAC, along with other MT/SGs, are ready to help shape Canada's nation-building agenda, invest in major projects and other economic opportunities, develop skilled workforces and strengthen communities. MT/SGs bring this message to the FMFNM and directly to the PM.

MT/SGs bring a practical agenda to the FMFNM including full and effective treaty and agreement implementation across federal departments; meaningful participation from the outset in major projects; sustainable fiscal support for infrastructure, language revitalization, and lands and resource management; and regular dialogue with the Prime Minister through an annual Intergovernmental Leaders' Forum.

At the FMFNM, MT/SGs will seek to turn priorities into commitments, utilizing already established mechanisms and ready-to-implement solutions.

The table has new seats. The partners bring decades of experience and a track record of nation-building. The opportunity is to build what comes next, together.

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