

# *Truth and Reconciliation:*

## *Adoption and Implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*



Canada 



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada released its final report in December 2015. This landmark report was the culmination of over 14,000 personal testimonies and submissions, and 5 years of work by three highly respected Commissioners. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada revealed painful truths concerning the grave harms and human rights abuses experienced by former residential schools students, their families, communities and Indigenous nations. The Commission also provided invaluable insight and guidance on the way forward for Canada, founded in a human-rights based approach.

Canada is committed to the adoption and implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples without qualification - in Canada and internationally. The Declaration stands as a principled framework for reconciliation and a renewed relationship with Indigenous peoples in Canada. Its full implementation, with Indigenous peoples, will advance justice, dignity and prosperity for all peoples.

**Thursday, May 12, 2016  
1:15 PM  
Conference Room 8**

Panelists will include:

**National Chief Perry Bellegarde  
Assembly of First Nations**

**The Hon. Carolyn Bennett  
Minister of Indigenous and Northern  
Affairs Canada**

**Grand Chief Ed John  
Member and former Chair,  
UN Permanent Forum**

**Senator Murray Sinclair**

**Commissioner Chief Wilton Littlechild  
Expert, Expert Mechanism on the  
Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

**President Clément Chartier,  
President of the Metis Nation**