INDIGENOUS AWARENESS SESSION

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1.0 INDIGENOUS AWARENESS

1.1 Purpose

This module for provincial government employees will provide a better understanding of Indigenous people in New Brunswick, and provide participants with information and strategies useful for meetings and interactions within a working context.

1.2 Objectives

1. Identify major milestones in post-Confederation Indigenous history in Canada and the Atlantic region.

2. Identify the legal and cultural aspects of the various terms used with respect to Indigenous people.

3. Explore the current context which Indigenous communities and organizations operate in.

4. Describe the Indigenous worldview, culture, values and traditions.

5. Explore strategies for effective intercultural communication within an Indigenous context.

6. Assess personal biases, assumptions, prejudices, myths and misperceptions of Indigenous People.
1.3 AGENDA

DAY 1

Introduction

- Welcome, Agenda, Expectations
- Group Guidelines

Indigenous People in Canada and New Brunswick

- Historical Context in Atlantic Region from 16th to the 21st Century
- Terminology
- Indigenous communities in New Brunswick
- Band governance
- Indigenous organizations
- Indigenous demographics
- Current issues facing Indigenous people

DAY 2

Indigenous People in Canada and New Brunswick cont.

Indigenous Culture, Values and Traditions

- Indigenous cultures in evolution
Relationships with Indigenous People

- Strategies for developing effective intercultural communication
  - Cultures and Orientations
  - Tips for effective intercultural communication
  - Self-presentation
  - Developing rapport and understanding Indigenous context

Group Guidelines