



Schedule and Agenda for Regional Sessions (in-person)

Duration: 4h00min

- 1) **Opening Prayer (From the territory)** – 5 min
- 2) **Meal** - 1h - Lunch
- 3) **Opening Remarks from leadership** (BCFNJC and FNLC) – 15 min
- 4) **Introduction** – 30 min
 - Session's objective.
 - Background on BC First Nations Justice Strategy and areas not contemplated by the Strategy that fall under federal jurisdiction.
 - Background on NIJS.
 - Discussion of engagement to date (Values, principles, and priorities for NIJS).

- 5) **Discussion question 1:** Do you believe there are other values or principles that were not contemplated in the first round of engagement? Consider especially the legal and traditional orders of your Nation and what you believe would be necessary in the NIJS.

How do we ensure the NIJS is Indigenous-led and includes pathways towards self-determination (similar to track 2 of the BC First Nations Justice Strategy)? – 20 min

- 6) **Discussion question 2:** Do you believe there are other priority elements or principles that were not contemplated in the first round of engagement? Especially regarding topics under federal jurisdiction, such as youth, RCMP, oversight, wrongful convictions, supreme court appointments, corrections service of Canada, etc. – 20 min
- 7) **Health and coffee break** – 15 min
- 8) **Discussion question 3:** What would an accountability mechanism for Government regarding the NIJS implementation look like? How do we make the NIJS stable and not subject to changes in government? – 30 min
- 9) **Discussion question 4:** What specific policies and legislation regarding justice need changing and need to be contemplated by the NIJS? (For example the Criminal Code, the *Youth Justice Act*, the judicial appointment process, etc.) How can the parallel process occurring under the *United Nations Declaration Act* support the NIJS implementation? – 30 min

- 10) **Closing remarks and Closing prayer** – 10 min