



First Nations Forum Governance Institute

**Fiscal Relations between the Crown
and Governments of Indian Nations
Presented by Senator Sol Sanderson**

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About Senator Sol Sanderson

CREE NATION LEADER · CONSTITUTIONAL ARCHITECT · TREATY 6

Senator Solomon Sanderson began in First Nations politics at age 15 — when it was still illegal under the Indian Act for First Nations people to assemble. He has never stopped.



As FSIN Chief from 1979 to 1986, Senator Sanderson orchestrated the constitutional lobby that secured Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 — the first constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and treaty rights in Canadian history. His campaign in London before the British House of Lords was decisive.

In 1982 he chaired the inaugural World Assembly of First Nations, convening delegates from 33 countries. He established the first First Nation-controlled school in Canada at Chakastaypasin Cree Nation in 1973, co-authored Indian Control of Indian Education in 1972, and drove the creation of First Nations University of Canada, SIIT, and SICC.

He has served as Senator of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations since 1986. The work is not a quarter done.

Conference Overview

FISCAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CROWN AND GOVERNMENTS OF INDIAN NATIONS

The relationship between the Crown and the Governments of Indian Nations continues to evolve through the recognition and implementation of inherent rights, treaty rights, and fiscal relations. This three-day executive conference brings together Chiefs, Councillors, senior administrators, and Indigenous professionals to examine the constitutional, legal, and financial foundations of Indigenous governance.

Drawing on the teachings and experience of Senator Sol Sanderson, participants will explore practical approaches to strengthening government institutions, advancing nation-to-nation relationships, and building long-term fiscal capacity for future generations.

The conference will explore:

- Inherent sovereignty, rights and title
- Treaty implementation and Section 35
- Crown–Indian Nations relations
- Government-to-government fiscal relations
- Indigenous governance and fiscal institutions
- Finance administration and accountability
- Indigenous laws and implementation
- Nation-building and long-term fiscal sustainability
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Conference Agenda

Over three days, participants will explore the constitutional, legal, and fiscal foundations of First Nations governance. Through presentations and discussion, attendees will examine how inherent rights, treaty rights, and fiscal relations support strong Indigenous governments and long-term Nation-building.

Day One – Foundations of First Nations Fiscal Sovereignty

- Inherent sovereignty, rights and title
- Treaty and constitutional foundations
- Section 35 and fiscal relations
- Government financing and fiscal agreements
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Day Two – Nation-to-Nation Governance & Fiscal Institutions

- Crown–First Nations relations
- Governance and fiscal institutions
- Finance administration and accountability
- Budgeting, revenue and fiscal systems
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Day Three – Implementing Strong Fiscal Governance

- Indigenous laws and implementation
- Financial management and auditing
- Administrative capacity and reporting
- Nation-building and future planning

*Agenda subject to refinement prior to the conference.

Registration

Early Bird Registration

\$1,100 per person

Available until July 27, 2026

Regular Registration

\$1,250 per person

After July 27, 2026

Registration includes:

- Conference Sessions
- Participant Materials
- Refreshments and Meals
- Networking Opportunities

Who Should Attend?

- Chiefs and Council Members
- Executive Directors and Band Managers
- Governance and Treaty Staff
- Legal and Policy Advisors
- Program Managers and Administrators
- Community Leaders and Future Leaders

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- Conference recognition

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