



Reserve Land and Environment Management Program



11th National Land Managers Gathering





RLEMP Engagement: Last Spring/Summer

- INAC partnered with the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association to engage with First Nation leaders and land managers to seek input on how to make RLEMP more responsive to First Nation needs.
- 351 participants from 224 First Nations, including Chiefs, Councillors, Land Managers, Environmental Officers, and other First Nation Officials.

Date	Location
May 2-4, 2017	Wendake, QC
May 9-11, 2017	Toronto, ON
May 16-18, 2017	Winnipeg, MB
May 30- June 1, 2017	Saskatoon, SK
June 6-8, 2017	Edmonton, AB
June 13-15, 2017	Kelowna, BC
June 27-29	Moncton, NB
September 13	Whitehorse, YK



RLEMP Engagement: What We Heard From Stakeholders

Funding

- New funding formula with base funding for a lands and environment office
- Consideration required for activities outside of those identified through registered transactions (e.g. enforcement, community engagement, or responding to activities on traditional territories)
- Additional funding for environmental management
- Funding to train more than one land manager per First Nation

Training

- Partnerships with schools closer to home (and more training offered in French)
- Ongoing professional development is important
- Both in-person and on-line training for land managers
- Regional training with curriculum that incorporates traditional knowledge
- Prior learning assessments and recognition required
- Focus on environmental and natural resource management

Eligibility

- More flexible entry criteria and training supports before entry

Authority

- Greater decision-making ability, such as through 53/60 Delegated Authority



Proposed Focus for Renewed RLEMP to Meet Objectives

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Supporting First Nations with Economic Development potential / activities and registered transactions

No support for First Nation governance and bylaw making

Funding model based on number and complexity of transactions registered in the Indian Land Registry System

Supporting training and certification of individual land managers

Regional Offices monitor compliance and quality control

Little emphasis on Environmental Stewardship and Protection



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Supporting First Nations who want to develop capacity in lands and environmental management

Program supports for First Nation governance and bylaw making

Funding model based on requirements to run a functional lands and environmental management office

Supporting capacity development for lands and environment office

Centre of Excellence & Community of Practice for compliance / quality control

Program support for Environmental Stewardship and Protection



Policy Pillars for RLEMP Transformation

Feedback from RLEMP's engagement sessions is informing program transformation. Policy pillars that will support a renewed RLEMP include:

- Core Funding
 - Considerations in the funding formula for a greater number of land management activities, environmental management, and base funding for Operational First Nations
- Training and Professional Development
 - Re-opening PLMCP certification to First Nations that have already trained a land manager, and providing support to train additional land managers over time
 - Support for the ongoing professional development of certified land managers
 - Co-development of an environmental management program
- Program Flexibility
 - Broader entry criteria to allow any First Nation to enter RLEMP
 - Alternative options within RLEMP to increase capacity for First Nations seeking greater land management authority or transitions to FNLM/self-government