

**ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS**  
**FIRST NATIONS LABOUR MARKET STRATEGY**  
**DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION – NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION**  
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**DESCRIPTION:**

**To establish the policy for inclusion of the AFN in the Forum of Labour Market Ministers (FLMM) and in regional federal/provincial-territorial planning and coordination discussions**

**The draft MC should make clear reference to these principles so that they are clearly established going forward**

**OPTIONS:**

- A. Representation at the FLMM
  1. That the AFN National Chief be invited to be a member of the FLMM and that he/she include the Chairperson of the Commission to complete the First Nations' delegation as well as a Chief of the region where the FLMM is being held
  2. That the federal Minister include First Nations representatives, the National Chief and the Chairperson of the Commission, in the Federal delegation
  3. That the Federal Minister agree to invite representatives of the First Nations, National Chief and Chairperson of the Commission, depending on the agenda of the FLMM and that senior officials consult with the AFM as the agenda is elaborated.
- B. Regional FPT Meetings
  1. That regional First Nations, GoC and P-T Meetings be held on at least an annual basis to address issues relative to planning and coordination of labour market programs and services
  2. That First Nations representatives be invited ex officio (by right of office) to all regional FPT meetings dealing with LMDA matters
  3. That First Nations representatives be invited depending on the agenda to all regional FPT meetings and that the agenda be shared with First Nations representatives so that they may raise issues and speak to the opportunity of their being invited

**RATIONALE:**

Aboriginal and First Nations labour market issues are of important concern in all p-ts, with cross-cutting issues around economic development, apprenticeship, housing, education, social services, justice and labour market programs and services requiring discussion and collaboration.

First Nations people are also Canadians and if they choose, should have access to all p-t programs without discrimination

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

In 5 p-ts, the combined ASETS agreements are bigger than the LMDA.

**RECOMMENDED OPTION:**

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That Senior Officials consult First Nations representatives on issues and seek their input to agendas for Ministers and that First Nations representatives be invited to the FLMM for agenda items of interest to First Nations.

**DECISION:**

**DATE AND VERSION:**

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