

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 27, 2014

Dear Tribal Leader,

On behalf of President Obama, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the White House Domestic Policy Council cordially invite you to join him and senior members of his Administration for the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference. The Conference will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at the Capital Hilton located at 1001 16th St NW, Washington, D.C. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Supplementary programming will take place the afternoon of December 2nd (please see a draft agenda attached).

This conference will build on last year's successful White House Tribal Nations Conference, at which President Obama discussed establishing the White House Council on Native American Affairs and announced his first Presidential trip to Indian country. The goal of this year's Conference is to bolster the meaningful discussion between tribal leadership and the Administration, and further strengthen the Nation-to-Nation relationship between the United States and American Indian and Alaska Native tribes.

We invite you to designate one representative from your Federally recognized tribe to attend this event. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate more than one representative from each tribal nation.

Please RSVP here: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/webform/rsvp-2014-white-house-tribal-nations-conference> by 10 p.m. EST on Wednesday, November 12th, 2014.

Following your reply, you will receive confirmation of your registration and further instructions. Please email IndianCountry@who.eop.gov with any questions or call Ahilya at 202-456-4170.

We hope you will join us for the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference. We look forward to seeing you.

With regards,

White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
White House Domestic Policy Council



WHITE HOUSE TRIBAL NATIONS CONFERENCE 2014

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

(with Supplementary Programming on December 2nd, 2014)

Capital Hilton, 1001 16th St NW, Washington, D.C

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014*

2:00pm-4:00pm *(New) White House Tribal Nations Conference Supplementary Breakout Sessions*
with Administration Officials - *Capital Hilton*

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014*

8:30am Seating and Opening Session – *Capital Hilton*

11:30am Breakout Sessions – *Capital Hilton*

2:00pm Closing Session – *Capital Hilton*

*** Please note that all listed times are TENTATIVE and subject to change. A final agenda will be sent to registered Conference attendees shortly before the conference.**

To register your tribe's representative, please visit: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/webform/rsvp-2014-white-house-tribal-nations-conference> and complete and submit the RSVP form by November 12th, 2014.



2014 Tribal Nations Conference FAQ

Q: Where will the 2014 Tribal Nations Conference be held?

A: The Conference opening, closing and breakout sessions will be held at the Capital Hilton located at 1001 16th St NW, in Washington DC.

Q: Previous conferences have been held at the Department of the Interior – why is it being held at the Capital Hilton?

A: We appreciate the Department of the Interior’s willingness to provide the venue for the previous conferences. Due to renovations happening at that facility, they are unable to host it this year, leading to the new venue.

Q: Why isn’t the conference being held at the White House?

A: We are inviting all 566 federally recognized tribes to send a representative to the Conference, and we need a location that ensures we have enough space.

Q: Will the President speak at the conference?

A: The President is expected to deliver remarks.

Q: Can Tribal Organizations send a representative to the conference?

A: Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate organizations at the conference. The purpose of the conference is to further strengthen the government-to-government relationship between federally recognized tribes and the Obama Administration.

Q: What is the format of the Conference?

A: Similar to previous years, the Conference will consist of both plenary sessions and breakout sessions to ensure tribal leaders have an opportunity to engage directly with senior administration officials. You will receive the final agenda a few days before the Conference.

Q: What topics will be covered during the breakout sessions?

A: The Conference RSVP webform (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/webform/rsvp-2014-white-house-tribal-nations-conference>) lists the eight topics that will be covered by the breakout sessions. These topics were informed by input from tribal leaders. We invite each tribal leader to select a preferred breakout session when they register for the conference. Please note that we will try our best to accommodate preferences, but that we cannot guarantee that every tribal leader will be assigned their preferred session topic.

Q: Can I bring more than one representative?

A: Regretfully, due to space constraints we can only accommodate one representative from each tribe.

Q: Our tribal chairman cannot attend; may we send another elected representative from our tribe?

A. Yes, however only one person per tribe may participate in the Tribal Nations Conference. Tribal leaders who cannot attend any of the events must approve another member of the tribe to represent the tribe on the tribal leader's behalf. Any requests for exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Does the White House provide for travel or accommodations?

A: No. The White House is unable to provide travel or hotel accommodations.

Q: Is there a host or preferred hotel?

A: No, but local tribal organizations may be able to assist with lodging recommendations.

Q: Can I register via phone?

A: No, please register at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/webform/rsvp-2014-white-house-tribal-nations-conference> by **10 p.m. EST on Wednesday, November 12th, 2014**. A confirmation will be sent by e-mail. If you have questions, please email us at IndianCountry@who.eop.gov.

Q: I am a member of the press, can I cover the conference?

A: Yes. Please contact White House Communications by emailing Media_affairs@who.eop.gov.

Q: May our tribal delegation meet separately with the President while we are there?

A: Regretfully, due to the volume of inquiries and the time constraints of the President's schedule, we are unable to consider any meeting requests with the President.

Q: Can I get a White House tour?

A: If you are interested in a White House tour while you are in Washington DC, please email IndianCountry@who.eop.gov with your request by **November 10th, 2014**. Tour space is limited, so requests will be considered on a first-come first-served basis.

For any additional questions, please contact us at IndianCountry@who.eop.gov.