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Summary of the Joint Meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee & Technical Advisory Committee on Science and Knowledge July 16, 2020 Virtual Meeting

Meeting Objective

The main objective of the July 16 meeting was to have an initial joint meeting of the Indigenous Advisory Committee (IAC (Indigenous Advisory Committee)) and the Technical Advisory Committee on Science and Knowledge (TAC (Technical Advisory Committee on Science and Knowledge)), during which introductions of committee members would be made and members would learn about the work of each committee.

Agenda Item: Cultural Welcome

- An Indigenous Elder provided welcoming remarks and prayer, setting the groundwork for an ethical space and for a strong collaboration.

Agenda Item: Welcome & Opening remarks

- The IAC (Indigenous Advisory Committee) co-chair provided a welcome and opening remarks for the meeting.

Agenda Item: Agency Comments

- The Agency's ex-officio member described the objective for the meeting and introduced the Agency's President.

Agenda Item: Remarks from Agency's President

- The Agency's President provided remarks thanking both committees for their work and reiterating the importance of their advice to the Agency. He encouraged the committees to focus on a few key priorities for the year to come.

Agenda Item: Introductions of Committee Members

- The committee members each introduced themselves in turn. They provided an Indigenous territorial acknowledgement for their location, and described the connections between their personal experience and the work done by the committees.

Agenda Item: Indigenous Advisory Committee Presentation

- The IAC (Indigenous Advisory Committee) co-chair made a presentation on the committee speaking to its mandate, work accomplished over the past year, and its future priorities.

Agenda Item: Technical Advisory Committee Presentation

- The TAC (Technical Advisory Committee on Science and Knowledge) co-chairs made a presentation on the committee, including its mandate and past work.
- The TAC (Technical Advisory Committee on Science and Knowledge) co-chairs specifically highlighted the need for the committees to determine a product or deliverable that can be brought forward as a result of the collaboration between the two committees.

Agenda Item: Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- An Agency official expressed the Agency's interest in benefitting from the committee members' expertise to help ensure that Indigenous Knowledge is fully considered in impact assessment.
- An Agency official described the new requirements for Indigenous Knowledge under the *Impact Assessment Act*. The official also provided an update on the Agency's Scientific Integrity Policy and possible connections with the committee's discussions on western science and Indigenous knowledge.
- An Agency official shared discussion questions on the topic of western science and Indigenous Knowledge for use at the July 21, 2020 joint meeting.
- An IAC (Indigenous Advisory Committee) member expressed interest in having a future discussion on the definition of the term "knowledge systems".

Decisions Made

The Agency will provide further details on its definition of “knowledge systems” to the committees.

Attendees

IAC (Indigenous Advisory Committee) Co-Chairs

Sue Chiblow

Stanley Oliver (Interim)

TAC (Technical Advisory Committee on Science and Knowledge) Co-Chairs

Kevin Hanna

Darcy Pickard

IAC (Indigenous Advisory Committee) Committee Members

Angel Ransom

Deana Sappier

Jocelyn Gosselin

Melody Lepine

Paul Jones

Rachel Olson

Suzie O’Bomsawin

Regrets

Kyle Vermette

TAC (Technical Advisory Committee on Science and Knowledge) Committee Members

Alistair MacDonald

Bill Ross

Colin Webster

Gillian Donald

Glennis Lewis

Helga Shield

Hugo Mailhot Couture

Marie Lagimodiere

Mark Shrimpton

Meinhard Doelle

Michel Bérubé

Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

David McGovern

Steve Chapman

Ian Ketcheson

Jennifer Saxe

Stewart Lindale

Susan Winger

Miriam Padolsky

Janice Zeitz

Robyn Whittaker

Emily Fairbairn

Joshua Boisvert

Alana Green

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