

Upholding the Sacred:

Exercising Inherent and Legislative Powers to End Violence Against Women and Girls

Duration: 2 Days

Target Audience: Tribal/First Nation Chiefs, Council Members, Legal Counsel,
Community Safety Directors, and Social Services Leads.

Day 1: Jurisdictional Mastery and Legislative Drafting

09:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Session 1: Mapping the Landscape and Closing Jurisdictional Gaps	Objective Covered: Objective 1 Jurisdictional Gaps Focus: Analyzing where federal (<i>Indian Act</i> , <i>Criminal Code</i>) and provincial laws fail to protect Indigenous women and girls on-reserve and in community territories. Interactive Activity: Jurisdictional Gap Mapping—Participants isolate a recent local safety failure, trace which level of government held primary responsibility, and develop appropriate legislative and regulatory solutions.
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Health Break	
10:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Session 2: Activating Local Regulatory Power	Objective Covered: Objective 2 Drafting Model Frameworks, in light of Sustainable Development Goal 5, Targets 5.1 and 5.C. Focus: Unpacking the specific sections of local, tribal, or band bylaws or laws that grant authority over housing, residency, trespass, and community safety.

		Key Concept: Moving from reactive policing to proactive spatial safety, through community-enforced protection orders, emergency exclusion bylaws or other safeguard measures.
12:30 PM – 01:30 PM	Networking Lunch	
01:30 PM – 03:15 PM	Session 3: Drafting the Model Law (Part 1—Framework)	Objective Covered: Objective 2 Drafting Model Frameworks, in light of Sustainable Development Goal 5, Target 5.2. Focus: Hands-on drafting workshop. Participants begin structuring a model <i>Community Safety and Family Protection Act</i> . Core Components: Defining local definitions of gender-based violence, harassment, and exploitation that reflect community values rather than colonial constraints.
03:15 PM – 03:30 PM	Health Break	
03:30 PM – 05:00 PM	Session 4: Governance and Task Force Mandates	Objective Covered: Objective 3 Task Forces and Advisory Committees. Focus: How to legally charter and structure Family Violence Advisory Committees or Family Crisis Action Teams. Deliverable: A template Terms of Reference (ToR) establishing cross-departmental accountability (Health, Housing, Justice, and Leadership).

Day 2: Restorative Justice and Data Sovereignty

09:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Session 5: Codifying Restorative and Alternative Measures	Objective Covered: Objective 4 Restorative Measures and Safety. Focus: Balancing traditional, restorative, and rehabilitative community measures with strict survivor-centric safety protocols. Critical Rule: Establishing bright-line legal boundaries for when restorative justice is appropriate and when immediate isolation or punishment of perpetrators is mandatory to meet Sustainable Development Goal 5, Target 5.2.
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Health Break	
10:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Session 6: Data Sovereignty as Protection	Objective Covered: Objective 5 PIPEDA/OCAP® Principles in practice. Focus: Transitioning away from extractive data pipelines. Understanding how to legally assert PIPEDA, or OCAP principles, over incident reports, survivor metrics, and tracking databases. Key Concept: Building a legal shield against unauthorized access or extraction of sensitive data or community records.
12:30 PM – 01:30 PM	Lunch Break	
01:30 PM – 03:30 PM	Session 7: Designing an Indigenous-Owned Database Architecture	Objective Covered: Objective 5 Indigenous-Owned Databases. Focus: Practical implementation of data infrastructure in the context of anti-violence legal and regulatory frameworks. How local

		laws can mandate that all research, tracking, and casework data live securely on sovereign servers. Deliverable: A draft Data Governance and Information Sharing Agreement (ISA) template.
03:30 PM – 03:45 PM	Health Break	
03:45 PM – 05:00 PM	Session 8: Framework Finalization and Strategic Action Planning	Objective Covered: Synthesis of all Objectives and Sustainable Development Targets (Goal 5, Targets 5.1, 5.2 and 5c). Focus: Final review of the drafted model framework. Setting a 30-60-90 day community roadmap for legal enactment. Closing: Evaluation and presentation of completion certificates.

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