



# Indigenous Engagement and TEK

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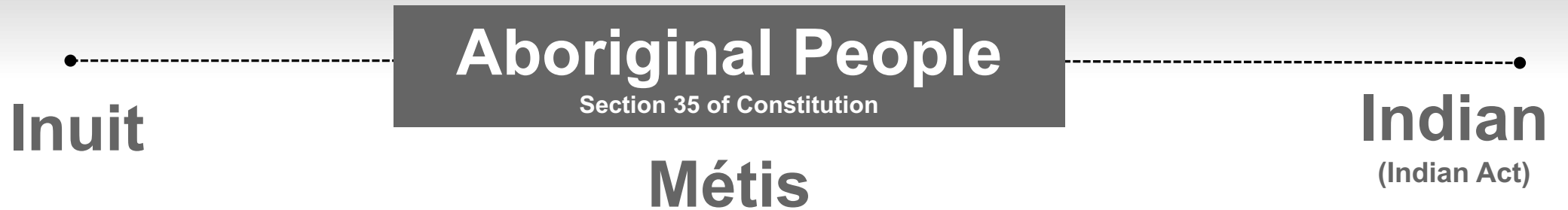
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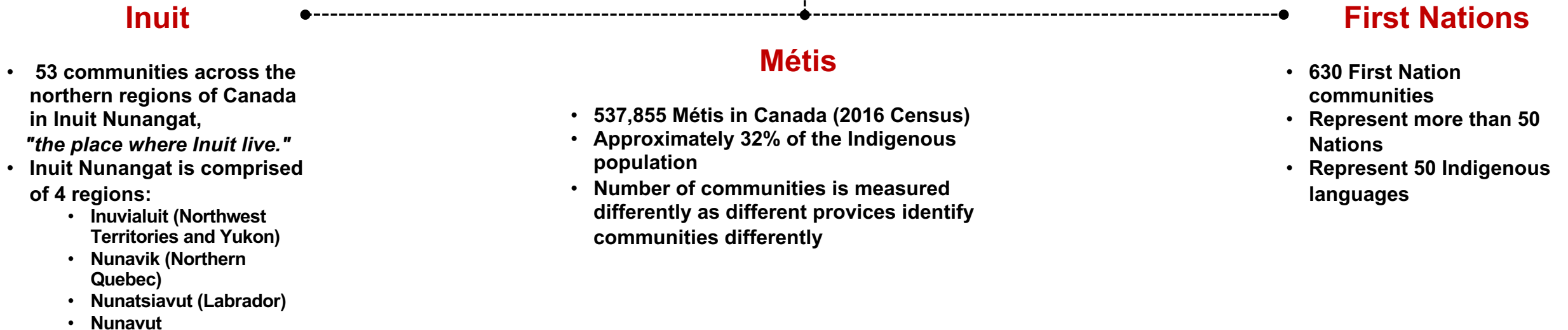
- About CIPS:
  - Currently 18 Indigenous Professionals
  - Energy, Infrastructure, Climate Change, Lands, Food Sustainability and Security, Organizational Development and Leadership Support
  - Specialists in Indigenous Engagement and Awareness Training
  
- About Mike:
  - Member - Curve Lake First Nation
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# The Language



## What is A Distinctions Based Approach?



# What Is Driving Indigenous Inclusion?

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### International

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

### National

Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls To Action

## Reconciliation

“Establishing and maintaining a mutually respectful relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in this country”.

### Free, Prior Informed Consent

Mandated Through Duty to Consult and Accommodate

### Indigenous Rights Assertions and Court Success

Legal Foundation For Indigenous Inclusion

### 94 Calls To Action

Directives to Drive Reconciliation in Canada

# Key Elements of Relationship Building

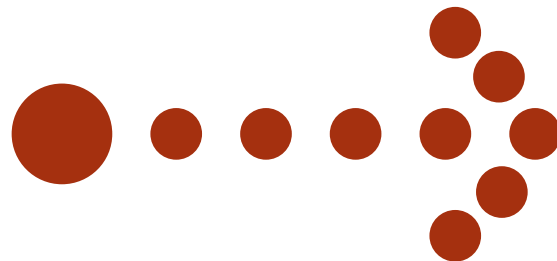
**Understanding**



**Respect**



**Recognition**



# Successful strategy to inspire Indigenous led...

## ‘How to Dine with us’

- Set the Table
  - Non-Indigenous can provide opportunities (procurement strategies, employment and training opportunities, etc.)
    - Indigenous organization will take them and use them
- Be a good server, not the guest
  - Be there when called upon for support, assistance and advice
  - Don't be at the table telling us what is good and what we want to eat and the best utensils to use
- Let us know all available options for our review
  - Be transparent and open to what is available
- Serve what we asked for
  - If we know all the options available, don't provide something else, or change what we asked for
- We may ask to see the Chef
  - A very positive experience may inspire us to dig deeper, learn more, make the experience more than a simple meal
  - This may lead to a long-standing relationship that inspired both parties to new opportunities
- Let us reflect on the experience to really position how we wish to proceed and drive a project/partnership.

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