

GCC (EI) / CNG Annual General Assembly 2026

August 11, 2026



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Connect Forum Report

“The Forum’s strongest message was simple: the path forward is collaborative. Whether the issue is youth protection, absenteeism, housing, diabetes, violence, justice, or language loss, progress will depend on sustained partnership, mutual accountability, and the willingness to move beyond silos. Participants repeatedly called for action that is coordinated, culturally grounded, and focused on families, children, and future generations.”



Agenda

- 1 | Tri-Partite Committee Update from May 28 Meeting
- 2 | Framework for CTA Implementation
- 3 | Discussion: Framework for CTA Implementation
- 4 | Next Steps



1. Tri-Partite Committee Update from May 28 Meeting

Attendees

1. Grand Chief Paul John Murdoch
2. Anthony MacLeod, CNG Executive Director
3. Rodney Mark, CNG Director of Social and Cultural Development
4. Jeannie Pelletier, CBHSSJB Chairperson
5. Christina Biron, Executive Director
6. Sarah Pash, CSB Chairperson
7. Caroline Mark, CSB Director General
8. Emma Coon-Come, CSB Administrative Officer

General

- Discussions at this meeting revolved around the following topics:
 - Governance & Leadership
 - Child & Family Services
 - Data Sharing & Research
 - Education & Youth Development
 - Housing
 - Justice & Community Wellness



1. Tri-Partite Committee Update from May 28 Meeting *cont'd*

Governance & Leadership

- Improve information flow between Directors of Operations/Treasurers and local directors
- CSB is focusing on de-centralizing authority
- Clarify how entities work together via a **Cree Nation Health Act** and **Cree Nation Education Act**, including the roles of Commissioners and Board representatives
- Strengthen local leadership and identify responsibility for immediate interventions

Child & Family Services

- Review current approaches to supporting high-risk families
- Recognize the need for:
 - An Inter-agency Case Manager
 - Coordinated intervention plans
 - Equitable supports and reduced stigma
- Shift focus from funding-driven responses toward family well-being and secure attachment.



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Data Sharing & Research

- Develop an inventory of existing inter-entity protocols
- Improve access to reliable community data while respecting data sovereignty
- Establish centralized information systems (“Data Mall”)
- Reduce administrative burden for data requests
- Strengthen relationships with the Cree Nation Research Institute
- Build community trust and collaboration to support data sharing and research

Education & Youth Development

- Expand collaboration between CSB and CNG Childcare Services
- Develop clearer education and career pathways
 - Trades & Vocational Education & Adult Education
 - WOTP, High School Diploma
- Increase after-school, recreation and youth programming based on community needs and availability



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Housing

- Diversifying housing beyond the current 80% social / 20% private situation
- Promote home ownership, entrepreneurship and financial literacy
- Encourage family involvement in housing design and construction
- Advance the Cree Nation Housing Group Action Plan
- Improve mortgage accessibility and housing affordability
- Continue decentralized housing initiatives

Justice & Community Wellness

- Develop a registry of community laws
- Better align Justice and Social Development programming
- Address social determinants of health
- Strengthen reintegration supports
- Improve food security through community kitchens and greenhouses
- Promote volunteerism and community engagement



1. Tri-Partite Committee Update from May 28 Meeting *cont'd*

CBHSSJB Priority Connect Forum Calls to Action

1. CTA 3: Create integrated communication, data-sharing protocols, and a centralized information system
2. CTA11: Shift all sectors from crisis response to prevention-based, holistic wellness approaches
3. CTA 13: Implement joint case management and shared responsibility for high-risk individuals and families

Potential Upcoming Regional Initiatives

- ACCESS Conference (~February 2027)
- Data (DDDM) Conference
- Healing Gathering (Addictions, Trauma & Harm Reduction)

Action Items

- Ask each regional organization to complete an inventory of existing protocols
- CNG to present the Global Housing Strategy to CBHSSJB and CSB at Tri-Partite Committee meeting
- CBHSSJB to present on Social Determinants of Health at Tri-Partite Committee meeting
- CSB and CNG to each identify their three priority Connect Forum Calls to Action



Framework for CTA Implementation

Collaboration Frameworks: Comparison and Current Status

Key Areas for Collaboration Framework

- Parties Involved
- Purpose and Scope
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Resources and Contributions
- Governance Structure
- Communication Protocols
- Data Management
- Action Planning
- Evaluation and Measuring Success

Connect Collaboration Framework

- Considers the complexity and challenges of working with multiple partners at the regional and local levels
- Values knowledge sharing of existing processes, policies, and procedures at regional and local levels
- Values the uniqueness of each community
- Has a shared vision and goals

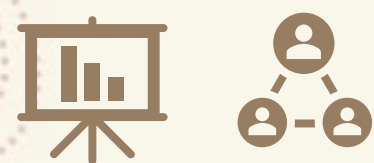
Work in Progress

- Implementation matrix
- CNG, CSB, CBHSSJB commitment to prioritizing 3 Calls to Action each
- Monitoring and reporting system
- Formal progress review and require follow-up reporting from participating entities



Framework for CTA Implementation

What does success look like?



Stakeholder Identification

Data Gathering

Community Engagement

**Data Analysis and
Validation**

Strategy Development

Essential Elements of Collaboration



Resource Commitment

Action Planning

Monitoring

Sustainability



Discussion: Framework for CTA Implementation

Working Together

1

How must communities be involved?

2

What is necessary to start off successfully?

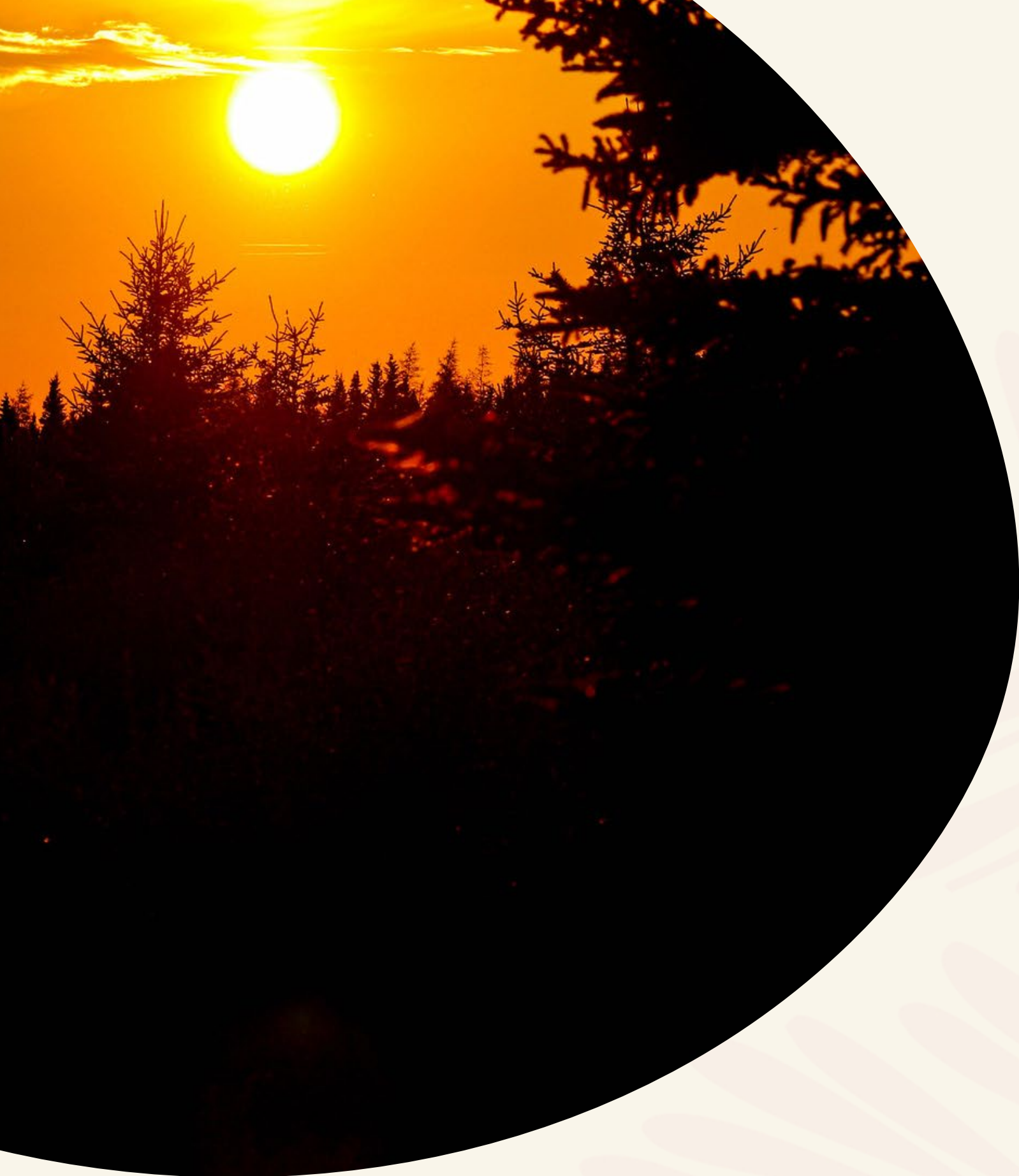
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How do we successfully engage with each other?



NEXT STEPS

- **Development of Framework for CTA Implementation**
- **Tri-Partite Committee Meeting on July 31**



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