

Declaration
WORKING TOGETHER

We, the representatives of governments of the Yukon, hereby affirm our commitment to work together in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. We remain committed to a constructive relationship that contributes to and promotes good governance for all Yukoners.

In particular, we commit to the following.

1. Participate in up to four meetings of the Yukon Forum per year as agreed to and schedule the dates of the meetings in advance, unless otherwise agreed.
2. Conduct the meetings in order to facilitate frank discussions, debate issues and learn about the positions and interests of others and have substantive outcomes. We recognize that these discussions may be contentious at times, but they will be respectful.
3. Treat the discussions that take place at the Yukon Forum and related working groups as confidential unless otherwise agreed.
4. Ensure the Yukon Forum is solutions-focused at a political level and does not limit the options available in any negotiation process.
5. By the next Yukon Forum, create a joint five-year action plan that identifies common priorities and ensures a clear plan for implementation options that are collaborative and transparent. The plan may be refined or updated as needed.
6. Provide directions to officials to carry out specific duties and activities as agreed.

Signed at Whitehorse, Yukon
January 13, 2017


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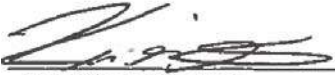



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Develop Bilateral and Trilateral Processes for Engagement

Joint Priority	Actions
1. Health & Social Services Through continued partnerships, we will work collectively to improve outcomes for children, youth and families. As a key area of focus, we will continue to work together on strategic initiatives that will reduce the number of Indigenous children in care. We will continue to advance specific projects related to the joint initiatives through bi-lateral engagement efforts.	Broader Health and Social Services Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">Through ongoing collaboration between YG and the CYFN Health and Social Development Commission, continue to discuss items of mutual interest and advance our mutual goals while identifying opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.
	Child Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to work collaboratively at the trilateral table (CYFN, YFNs, YG and GoC) to determine priorities for increased prevention and enhancement initiatives with a focus on the wellbeing of Yukon First Nation children and families.Continue to work together bilaterally to develop MOAs that guide the delivery of family and children services in their communities.Continue to explore options and potential models for redesigning the service model for group homes in Yukon.Continue work to develop a foster care strategy.
	Mental Wellness <ul style="list-style-type: none">Work collaboratively to develop and implement culturally appropriate mental wellness programs, and provide training and facilitate the drafting of community wellness plans.
	Social Supports <ul style="list-style-type: none">YG to engage with First Nations partners to develop culturally appropriate programming for the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter.YG to continue to work in partnership with Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and community partners to implement the Safe at Home Plan.YG to engage YFNs in the development and implementation of social assistance policies.
	Co-governance Delivery Models for Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to work together to explore shared delivery of services models and actively explore additional opportunities for collaboration.