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Data Sovereignty Principles & Engagement with Indigenous Populations: A Path Forward

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Ways of Knowing

Western knowledge

- empirical evidence
- scientific methodologies

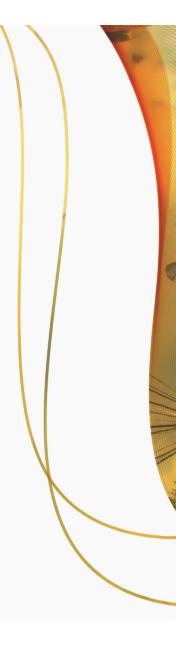
Indigenous knowledge

- traditional ecological knowledge
- cultural practices and spiritual insight
- historical knowledge, storytelling
- medicinal knowledge



Indigenous Data Sovereignty

- Right of a Nation to govern the collection, ownership, and application of its own data, and protect their traditional knowledge, cultural expressions, and intellectual property.
- Reflects desires and interests of Indigenous Peoples to manage information according to their laws, practices, and customs.
- Indigenous authority and control over their data is a critical step towards realizing self-governance and fully exercising self-determination.



First Nations Principles of OCAP®

Ownership, Control, Access & Possession (OCAP®)

- A set of standards that establish how First Nations data can be collected, protected, used or shared;
- The right of First Nations communities to own, control, access and possess information about their peoples is fundamentally tied to self-determination and to the preservation and development of their culture.
- Reflect First Nations commitments to use and share information in a way that brings benefit to the community, while minimizing any possible harm;



Inuit & Metis Research Principles

Inuit

- Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) National Inuit Strategy on Research
- one of the 5 priority areas is to ensure Inuit AOC (access, ownership, and control) over data and information.

Métis Nation

- principles of OCAS (ownership, control, access and stewardship) over data
- in the process of being finalized and being adopted by Métis National Council (MNC) and governing nations.

Engagement Approaches

- Prioritize learning about the histories, cultures and practices of Indigenous Peoples
- 2. Building trust & relationships is key
- 3. Engage Indigenous communities as full partners
- 4. Respect community protocols, timelines, cultural distinctions
- 5. Contribute value to Indigenous community
- 6. Integrate Indigenous-led processes
- 7. Incorporate Indigenous perspectives
- 8. Respect Indigenous data sovereignty

First Nations Data Governance Strategy (FNDGS)



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Thank you

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