



# DO MORE, DO BETTER

Government Action Plan  
for the Social and Cultural Development  
of the First Nations and Inuit  
2017-2022

## A RENEWED COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION

“In the 21st century, at a time when the world is changing and Québec must meet new challenges, it is crucial to be able to rely on all of our society’s strengths. The Government of Québec intends to work with all Quebecers to build a fairer, more prosperous, inclusive, open Québec. The First Nations and Inuit were present in the territory long before the arrival of the first Europeans and are at the root of our history. They have largely contributed to building the Québec that we now know and must have the means to fully contribute to the Québec of tomorrow.

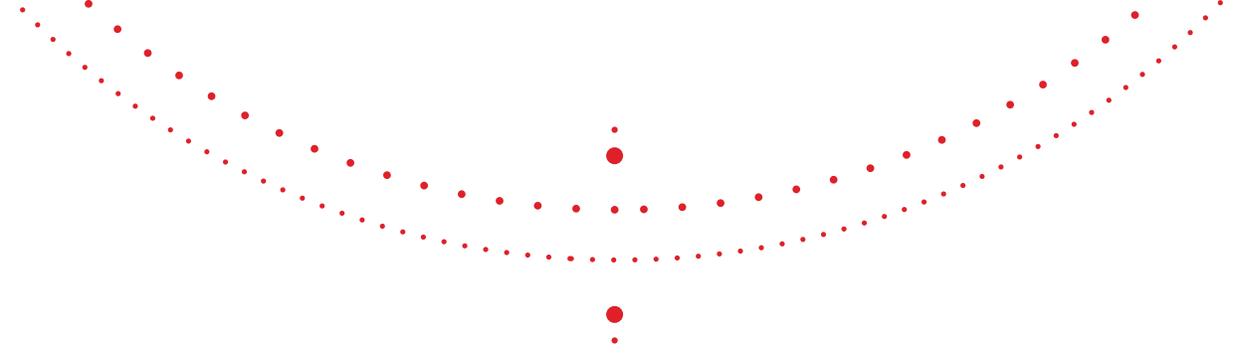
This initial *Government Action Plan for the Social and Cultural Development of the First Nations and Inuit* is a concrete commitment by our government to Québec’s Aboriginal nations.

The plan stems from extensive consultations conducted in recent years among the First Nations and Inuit and marks the beginning of a new approach based on dialogue and a concrete contribution by all of the parties concerned. It therefore implements measures in an array of crucial areas.

We stand to gain a great deal by making Québec an even more inclusive society that relies on the contribution that each individual can make. Together, let us regard diversity as an opportunity for collective enrichment rather than an obstacle.

It is together that we must continue to steer Québec on the path of change.”

*Philippe Couillard,  
Premier of Québec*



“The *Government Action Plan for the Social and Cultural Development of the First Nations and Inuit* is a milestone in a long-term undertaking, which will require constant effort and sustained determination. Everyone must be aware that success can only be achieved if all of the stakeholders concerned are prepared, together, to make such an effort and display such determination.

With this first action plan, the Government of Québec is seeking to contribute to sustained improvement in the general living conditions of Québec’s Aboriginal peoples. It is acting immediately through tangible measures in a basic perspective of reconciliation and redress for past mistakes.

It has been emphasized repeatedly, in particular by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, that the Aboriginal societies must regain their balance and, to this end, they have firmly committed themselves to the necessary healing process. The Government of Québec wants to contribute actively to this process. It hopes to build contemporary Québec with the Aboriginal nations at their best.”

*Geoffrey Kelley,  
Minister responsible for Native Affairs*