

“Pathways and Partnerships for the Future after 30 Years.” August 25 – 29, 2025

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From: The Office of the Chair, NGO Coalition for Social Development, and the Pre-Summit Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

TO The People of the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Anishinaabe and Algonquin on Turtle Island, located in the National Capital Region of Ottawa-Gatineau.

Reference: **Acknowledgment and recognition of the land.**

NOTIFICATION

No. 2025-06-459

Dear People of the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Anishinaabe and Algonquin on Turtle Island, located in the National Capital Region of Ottawa-Gatineau.

The NGO Coalition for Social Development and the Local Organizing Committee extend greetings from the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Anishinaabe and Algonquin Peoples on Turtle Island, located in the National Capital Region of Ottawa-Gatineau.

As you read through what awaits you for the Pre-Summit, we encourage you to take a moment to reflect on and acknowledge the land you are located on and/or have a relationship with.

We acknowledge and recognize that:

1. The NGO Pre-summit will be held from August 25 to 29, 2025, in Ottawa, Canada, on the unceded, unsurrendered Territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation, whose presence here reaches back to time immemorial.
2. The land on which we will be organizing the NGO's social development is the traditional territory of many nations and is now home to a diverse community. We honor the lands, the peoples, and all their great contributions.
3. Things that unite us are that we recognize our collective responsibility to dismantle the systems of oppression that hold us back, listen to the wisdom of the Indigenous Peoples, and are committed to amplifying Indigenous voices and supporting Indigenous-led solutions for the four key pillars of Social Development: Environmental, Social, Political, and Economic Justice. One thing that unites us is that we all depend on the land.

4. Many of us will have grown up in different traditional, indigenous territories, whether it be Turtle Island (Canada), the lands of people of African descent, or other lands.
5. We recognize and respect the Anishinaabe and Algonquin Peoples as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which we live and work.

We approve this message.

Sign



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