

# THE FUTURE OF FIRST NATIONS, INUIT, AND MÉTIS BROADCASTING: CONVERSATION & CONVERGENCE (./)

**REGIONAL EVENTS - FEBRUARY TO MAY 2017**

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE - JUNE 15 TO 17, 2017**

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), according to its Three-Year Plan 2017-2020, will review the Native Broadcasting Policy (CRTC 1990-89) next year. The gatherings entitled "**The Future of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Broadcasting**" aim to bring practitioners, policy makers and academics together as allies to prepare a context for respectful and meaningful consultation. The idea is to create or identify the terms of reference for the CRTC deliberations to ensure that any policy changes support the development goals that Indigenous media activists, broadcasters, and community members themselves identify. **This gathering seeks to share decision making power with the people, and to assert Indigenous rights to media democracy 'for as long as the waters flow'.**

**Discussion Topics: The CRTC Process & CRTC Policy**

- How would you like the CRTC consultation process to be conducted?
- How should the review process itself be changed?
- What should the policy entail?
- What are the elements to include or exclude?
- What changes would be required to the Broadcasting Act to ensure the policy is upheld?

See Native Radio Policy - CRTC Public Notice 1990-89  
(<http://crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/1990/PB90-89.htm>  
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*The project team wishes to make clear that none of us are affiliated with the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (the CRTC) in any formal capacity. These gatherings and national conference are not related to the current licence applications under CRTC 2017-1 or any other CRTC procedures. Additionally, the website URL may be registered as IndigenousRadio.ca; however, this event aims to discuss Indigenous multi-media and is not specific to radio. We have a number of presenters speaking about online media, print, audio (podcasting and radio), and video (television and film). **See the About page for more information.***

**In preparation for The Future of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Broadcasting national conference in Ottawa, we acknowledge these events are proposed to take place on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.**

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