

<b>Organization's Name</b>	<b>Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP)</b>
<b>Vision</b>	<p>Our primary goal at CAPonline is to provide you with information you are unlikely to find anywhere else about Aboriginal peoples across Canada who live in a non-reserve setting whether urban, rural or wilderness. In addition to information necessary to contact our affiliate organizations, we supply virtually hundreds of links to other Aboriginal sites. Information on legal issues, programs and services, and the ongoing struggle of Aboriginal peoples in Canada to negotiate equitable terms of coexistence with other Canadians are all presented from our unique Aboriginal perspective.</p>
<b>Mission</b>	<p>As a major national Aboriginal representative organization now in our 34th year of operation, we are planning even more exciting resources for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal visitors. We invite you to visit frequently to view the latest developments!</p>
<b>Mandate</b>	<p>The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) is the sole national representative organization whose affiliates are open to over 800,000 off-reserve Indian, Inuit, and Metis people. CAP's constituency not only stretches across Canada from sea to sea to sea, but consists of a wide variety of Aboriginal peoples with very different historical backgrounds, and current environments. Most of these peoples share common problems in terms of exclusion from policies and programs for other Aboriginal peoples. As a result of their varying histories and circumstances, however, several of these peoples have different priorities in terms of achieving a solution to those common problems. These priorities provide one useful way by which CAP's constituency can be identified. They can be described in terms of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Indian Act system and its consequences; particularly for those who are excluded from registration, band membership, residency on reserve, or related programs and benefits and want to address those</li> </ol>

	<p>concerns.</p> <p>2. The constituency's Aboriginal and/or treaty rights; particularly for those who live in comprehensive claims areas, those who have been excluded from treaty benefits, or who are pursuing modern treaty as a vehicle for addressing their rights.</p> <p>3. The population's socio-demographics; particularly for those who are seeking economic parity or equity of access to policies, programs and services designed to serve the Aboriginal population; and,</p> <p>4. The simplicity or complexity of the Tribal/Nationality identities within regional organizations; particularly for those organizations whose membership maintains tribal affiliations, or who includes different groups who are associated with different tribal groupings.</p> <p>Each approach carries with it implications for the relations between CAP and the federal government, and each is valid in its own context.</p>
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<p><b>Key Activities/ Current Projects</b></p>	<p>Aboriginal Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal Peoples Roundtable</li> <li>• Communications Program</li> <li>• Labour Market Development</li> <li>• CAP Aboriginal Youth Programs</li> <li>• Corrections Justice</li> <li>• Nuclear Fuel Waste Management Dialogue</li> <li>• Powley Implementation Project</li> </ul> <p>Aboriginal Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal Languages</li> <li>• Constitutional Issues</li> <li>• Federal Issues</li> <li>• Indian Act/Bill C-31</li> <li>• Land Claim Issues</li> <li>• Aboriginal Rights</li> <li>• Corbiere Commission Report</li> <li>• Governance Issues</li> <li>• Indigenous Women</li> <li>• Legal Issues</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCAP Issues</li> <li>• Urban Native Housing</li> <li>• Aboriginal Veterans</li> <li>• Economic Development</li> <li>• Health Issues</li> <li>• International Issues</li> <li>• Metis Issues</li> <li>• Urban Issues</li> </ul>
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