



BC SPECIFIC CLAIMS WORKING GROUP Strategic Plan 2025-2026

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Overview

- About the BCSCSWG
- Strategic Planning Process
- Partnerships for Specific Claims Reform at the National Level
- Areas of Future/Ongoing Collaboration with the NCRD
- Final Reflection



About the BCSCWG

A brief history...

- 2013: UBCIC created by resolution of the UBCIC Chiefs Council
- 2017-2024: Strong focus on efforts to advance an Independent Centre
- 2025: Advancing ongoing mandates in an era of austerity and uncertainty

Principles: Unity, a Nation-to-Nation approach, and alignment with international law



The Strategic Planning Process

**Mandates
from UBCIC
Chiefs Council**

**Feedback from BC
First Nations during
engagements (2017–
2024)**

**Input from BCSCWG
members, advisors,
and technicians**

BCSCWG STRATEGIC PLAN



Partnerships for Specific Claims Reform at the National Level

- RDs hold a unique role in specific claims and policy reform
- Collaboration between the UBCIC/BCSCWG and RDs can raise awareness and lead to change
- Partnerships on key issues:
 - Input to the OAG audit (which shaped reform process)
 - Joint advocacy on research funding
 - Submissions to ATI reviews



Areas of Future/Ongoing Collaboration with the NCRD

- Research funding advocacy
- New online resources
- Efforts to enact Indigenous laws within specific claims research
- ATI reform
- Development of a Senate study proposal
- Other?



FINAL REFLECTIONS

Finding new ways to collaborate and share
information in an era of political and
economic uncertainty