THE INDIGENOMICS MOVEMENT

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#INDIGENOMICS
Indigenomics is the collective economic response to the lasting legacy of the systemic exclusion of the Indigenous peoples in the development of this country.
Indigenomics
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*Definition: verb.* The practice of bringing the Indigenous perspective, culture, traditions and ways of being to economic and social development. ~*Carol Anne Hilton*
WHAT IS INDIGENOMICS?

• It is a **statement of claim** of Indigenous space in modern existence.

• It is a **call out or invitation** into an Indigenous worldview and its application in development and progress.

• Return to our place at the economic table

• Indigenomics supports the development of an evolving body of knowledge about modern Indigenous economies—this body of knowledge must serve to grow Indigenous economies and center an Indigenous worldview in our collective future
‘The Indigenous economy exists outside the confines and boundaries of all that we know today about modern economics and its measurements of growth. Instead, the Indigenous economy exists within our relationship to ourselves, to each other, to the Earth, to our past, and to our future.’

Carol Anne Hilton, Taking a Seat at the Economic Table
The Structure of Radical Exclusion
Through the lens of the Indian Problem

‘Our objective is to continue until there is not a single Indian in Canada that has not been absorbed into the body politic and there is no Indian question, and no Indian Department, that is the whole object’ Duncan Campbell Scott
Designing for

• Current Indigenous poverty levels

• Addressing the long term economic de-valuing of Indigenous knowledge systems

• Increasing Indigenous social and economic well-being

• Inclusion of Indigenous worldview for the long-term in national and global economics

• Addressing conditions of Indigenous economic regression
Through the upheaval of Indigenous economies and ways of being over time, Indigenous Peoples have gone through four economic stages:
1. Disruption:

• This stage is characterized by the systemic disruption of existing Indigenous economic systems, ways of being, and removal from the land while severing inherent authority and responsibility to place. This stage required the dehumanizing of Indigeneity through instruments such as the Doctrine of Discovery, the Indian Act, and other legal and statutory approaches around the world.
2. Entanglement:

• The second stage is characterized by the complexity of the entanglement of the Indigenous relationship locally, nationally, and internationally. This is firmly embedded within the conflict stemming from the disruption of Indigenous ways of being (our epistemologies) and the threat to our continued way of life.
3. Emergence:

• The third stage is characterized by the emergence of the Indigenous legal environment. This legal context serves to reinforce new modern economic space for Indigenous nations, businesses, and governments.
Economic Space
4. Empowerment:

- This fourth stage is characterized by the rise of Indigenous economic empowerment as an effect of the shifting Indigenous rights and title legal environment, economic equality, and inclusion. This stage sees an increase in Indigenous business development and economic activity as a viable and competitive business model.
The Power Center of the Indigenous Economy

1. Recognition
2. Rights and title
3. Representation
4. Resources
United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- a legal function with an economic outcome

Indigenous peoples have the **right** to maintain and develop their political, **economic** and social systems or institutions, to be secure in the enjoyment of their own means of subsistence and development, and to engage freely in all their traditional and other **economic** activities.
THE EXPRESSION OF RIGHTS AND TITLE
Questions are the architecture of our future

The questions we ask
THE INCEPTION

The 100 Billion Indigenous Economy

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ACTIVATING THE FINANCIAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ECONOMY
Global Centre of Indigenomics

Our collective response has been built from a singular perspective; we need to expand that out to include other worldviews to meet a just transition to a 2050 target. It is in the expansion of worldview where we will find solutions.

- Indigenous virtual market- 12 levers
- Annual Indigenous economic conference
- Establish a World Indigenous Economic Forum
ECONOMIC RECONCILIATION

• Indigenomics acts as a platform for economic reconciliation.

• Economic reconciliation is the space between the lived realities of Indigenous peoples, the need to build understanding of the importance of the Indigenous relationship, and the requirement for progressive actions for economic inclusion.
WHO WANTS TO PLAY INDIGENOMICS?
who wants to play

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