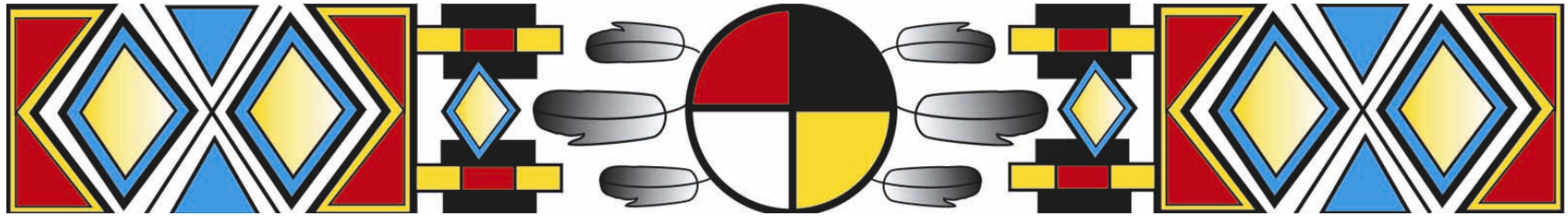


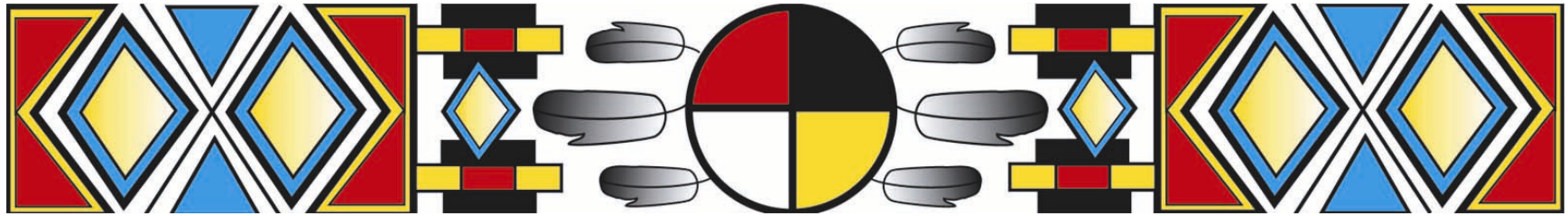
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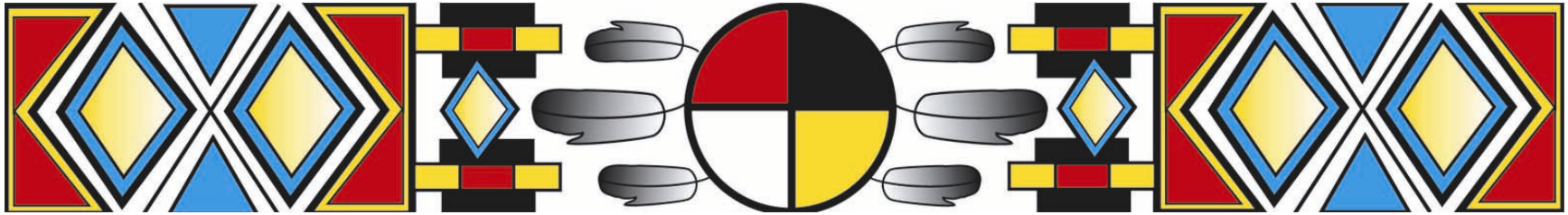
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**STRENGTH, BALANCE  
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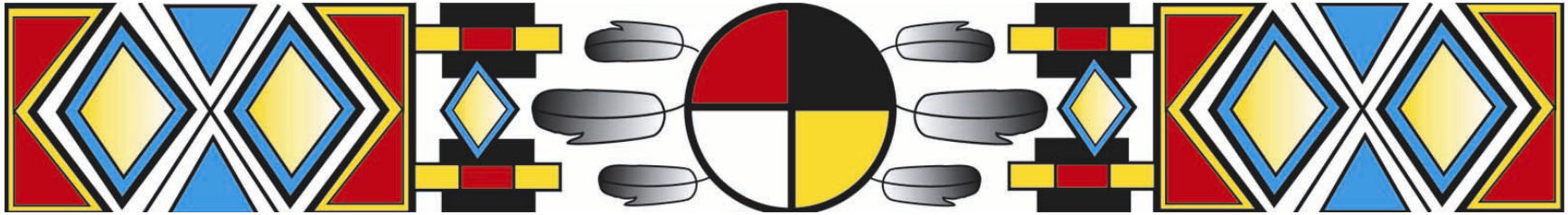
## Topics:

- 1.) Culturally Relevant Gender – based Analysis
- 2.) Justice System & Policing
- 3.) Revitalizing & Strengthening Language & Culture

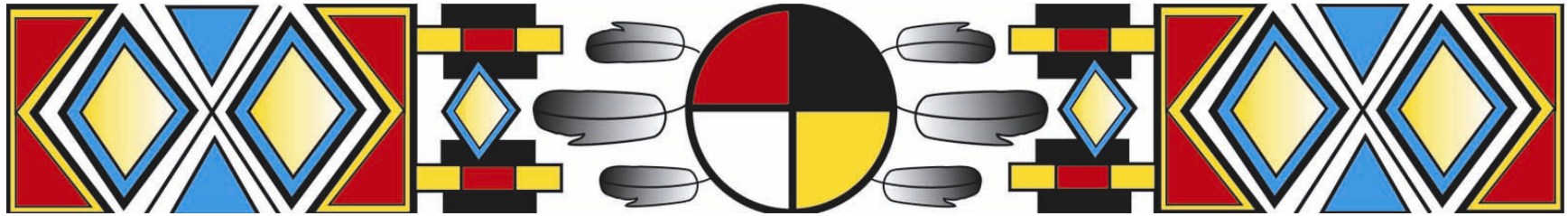


## KEY MESSAGES

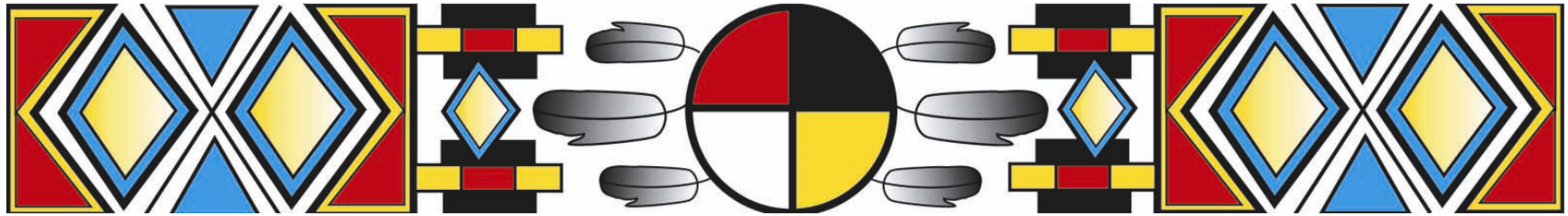
- Aboriginal women need to be directly engaged in the process of in-depth analysis  
(policy, legislation, education etc)



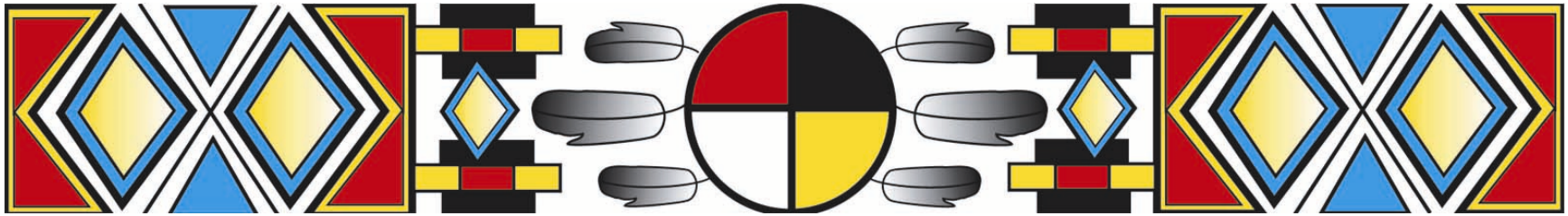
- We should not forget that the term Aboriginal includes: Metis, Inuit, First Nations, Status and Non-status (ALL INCLUSIVE) Equally, plus ALL Organizations that represent them



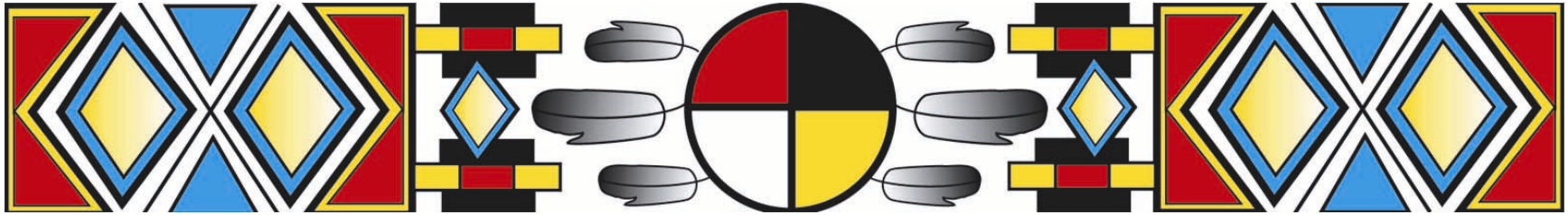
- Embrace Aboriginal languages, culture, traditions, ceremonies and territories.



- Capacity (financial-physical asset and human resources) to implement the recommendations/priorities set forth by the Aboriginal women participating in NAWWS!

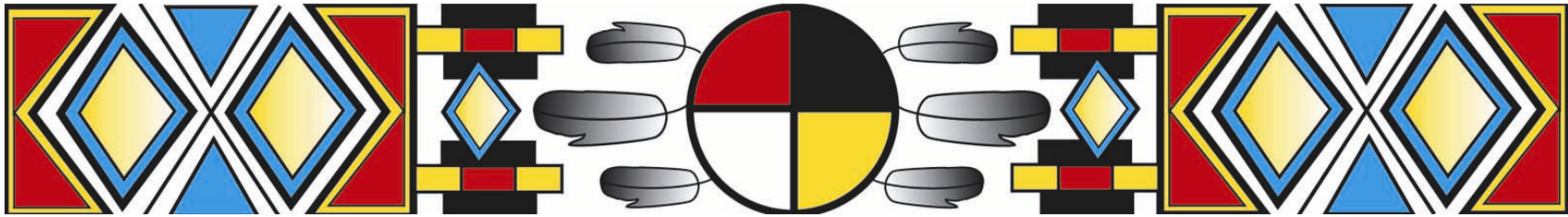


- The Federal Government should provide All Aboriginal Women's Organizations with the necessary and equitable capacity to begin to educate the Canadian public on the need to rebalance societal attitudes towards All Aboriginal peoples.



## Process

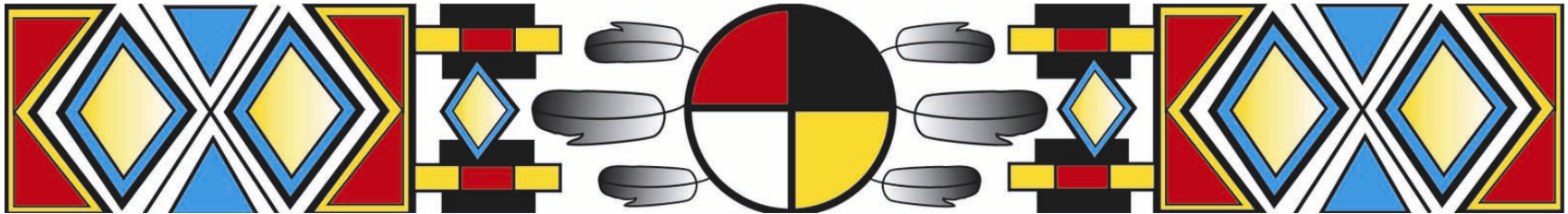
- Began with 62 recommendations
- After the group process about half of these were identified as priorities
- In this presentation we will present the common priorities identified by all groups



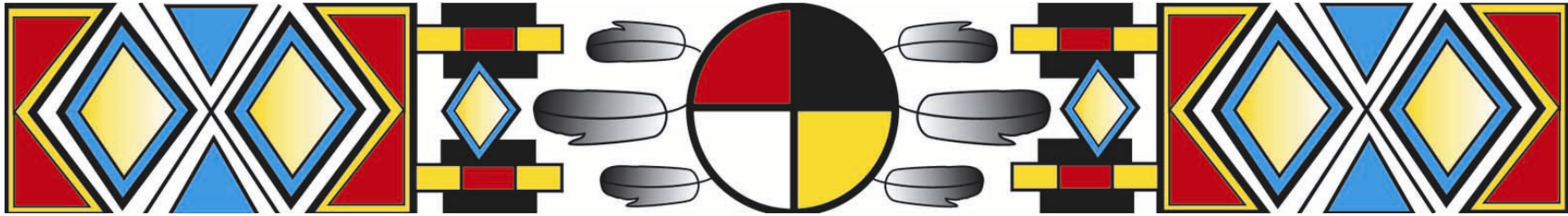
## Recommendations/Priorities

### **Topic: Culturally Relevant Gender-based Analysis**

- That NAO's, NGO's, Federal, Provincial, Territorial, and all governments ensure that "culturally-based" GBA processes is established, and that Aboriginal women be resourced to define for themselves the impact of any proposed legislation, policy, programs and services.
- Full participation of Aboriginal women at all decision making tables so they are well served in all legislative, policy and programming initiatives affecting Aboriginal people.

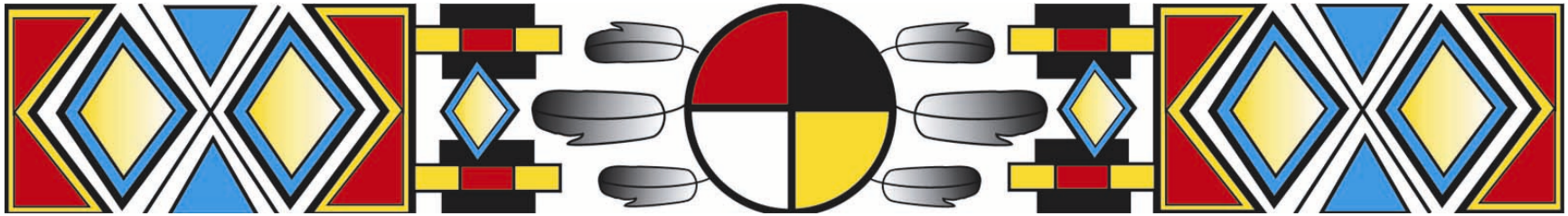


- That a lifelong learning strategy be developed in key areas of early childhood development, primary, secondary, and post-secondary education, and skills development, and retention, which addresses the unique circumstances of us as Aboriginal women
- That protection of intellectual property and indigenous knowledge transmission, must be included and respected through the GBA.

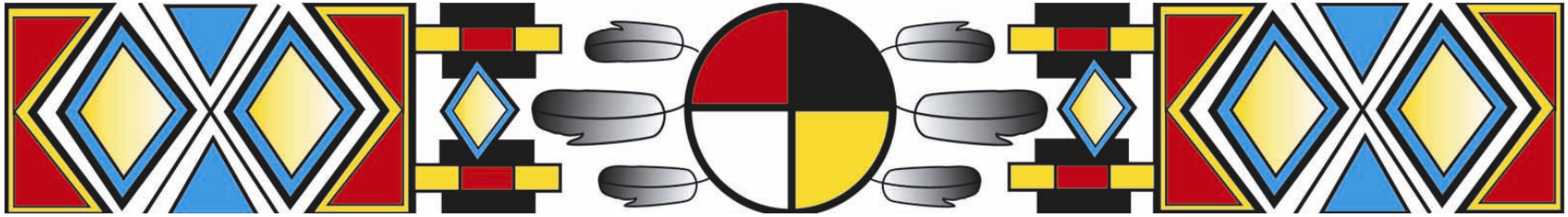


## Topic: Justice System and Policing

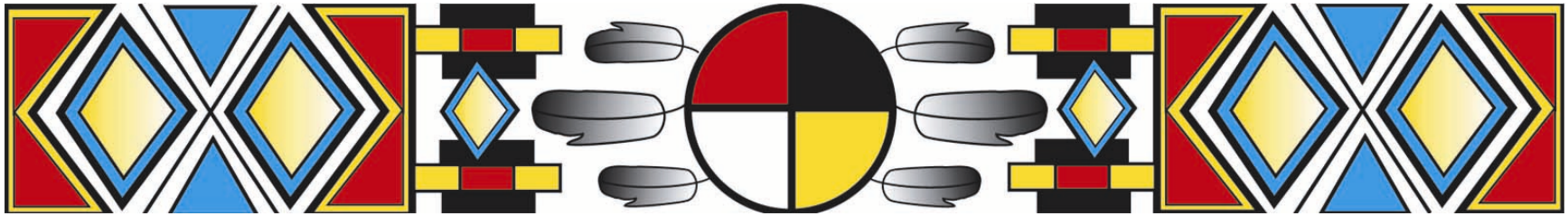
- All levels of government in partnership with ALL Aboriginal organizations should take the necessary steps to address the root causes leading to the over-representation of Aboriginal women as victims and offenders within the criminal justice system.
- That all NAO's work in partnership with all levels of government, mainstream organizations and each other to ensure :
  - a) that existing victims services are adaptable to needs of aboriginal victims of crime
  - b) that existing services and structures are respectful of traditional approaches to justice.



- Police officers, judges and lawyers must learn about the legislative and policy related history that impacted only Aboriginal peoples in Canada, especially Aboriginal women and the key factors which lead Aboriginal women into the justice system.
- A strategic approach to minimize the growth and impact of gangs in First Nations communities and urban centres, as well as to minimize the continued recruitment of Aboriginal youth into gangs must be developed.

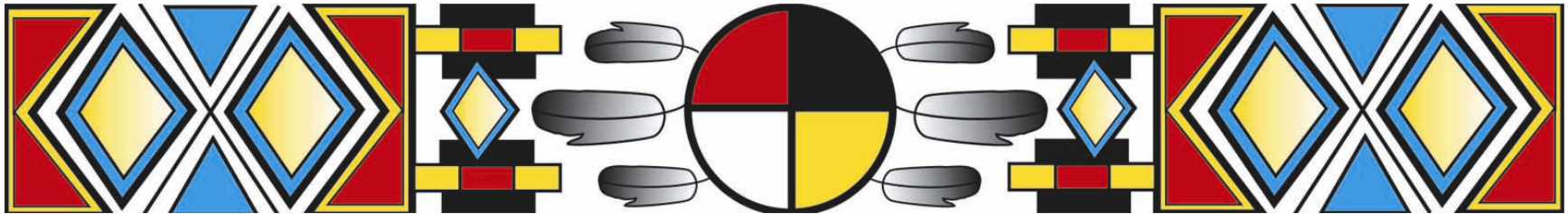


- That Aboriginal communities be supported for the continued implementation and expansion of collaborative and cooperative Restorative Justice approaches, where this is appropriate and supported by the Aboriginal community.

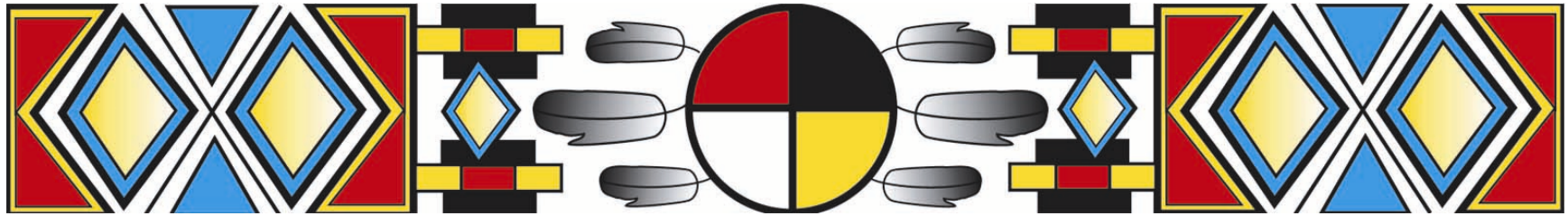


## Revitalizing and Strengthening Language and Culture

- Implementing a Culturally Relevant Gender Based Analysis (CRGBA) framework in all legislative, policy and programming at all government levels will provide critical insight into the current situation forcing outcomes to be more holistic inclusive
- That the federal government (as a result of the previous assimilation policies of residential school to erase Indigenous languages) must fund the revitalization of Indigenous languages through programs dedicated to adults, youth and children.

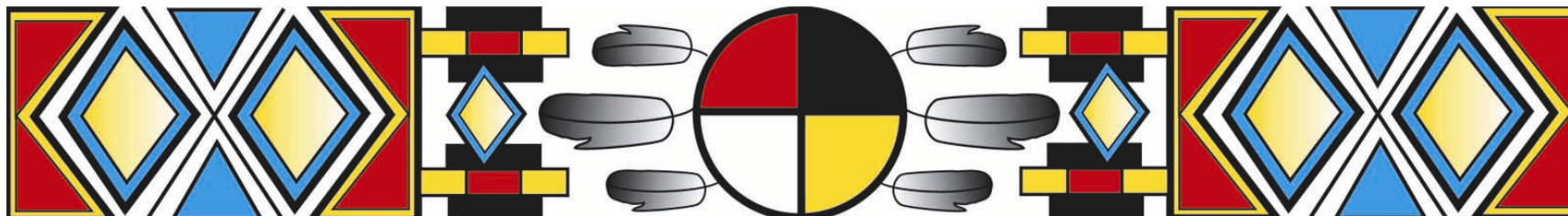


- Provide support and recognition to traditional healers, and opportunities for Aboriginal women to help develop traditional healing policies and programs and encourage meaningful dialogue between Aboriginal healers and non-Aboriginal health care providers.
- Develop a strategy to allow Aboriginal women to reclaim their traditional roles, pass on traditional knowledge, revitalize their culture and communities through increased research and educational opportunities



## Final Key Messages

- Aboriginal women must be involved in all decision making processes
- Culturally Relevant GBA
- We must ALL work together for the benefit of present and future generations
- This conference has provided the opportunity for All Aboriginal women to come together with a united voice



THANK YOU