

2026 North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission

Government-to-Government (G2G) Conference

Dates: June 3–4, 2026

Location: Bismarck Event Center

DAY 1: Wednesday, June 3

8:30 – 9:30 AM | Registration & Breakfast

9:30 – 10:30 AM | Opening Ceremony

10:30 – 11:30 AM | Opening Keynote — Billy Kirkland

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

Tribal Leader Presentations

11:30 AM – 12:20 PM Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation (MHA Nation)

12:20 – 1:20 PM Lunch Break

1:20 – 2:10 PM Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

2:10-2:30 PM Afternoon Break

2:30 – 3:20 PM Spirit Lake Nation

3:20 – 4:00 PM Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

4:00 – 4:50PM Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

4:50 Adjourn Day 1

DAY 2: Thursday, June 4

8:30 – 9:30 AM Breakfast & Networking

9:30 – 10:30 AM Rural Health Transformation Grant

BREAKOUT SESSIONS ROUND 1 (10:30 – 11:20 AM)

(Concurrent Sessions)

- Law Enforcement & Public Safety
- TCUs
- Education & Youth Engagement
- Urban Tribal Housing
- Akisni Warrior Lodge

BREAKOUT SESSIONS ROUND 2 (11:40 AM – 12:30 PM)

(Repeat Round 1 — participants select a new session)

12:30 – 1:25 PM | Lunch Break

BREAKOUT SESSIONS ROUND 3 (1:25 – 2:10 PM)

(Concurrent Sessions)

- Plains Art Museum — Indigenous Art
- Native Governance Center
- NAGPRA Compliance
- ND Native Vote
- ND Child and Family Services
- American Indian Public Health Resource Center – Food Sovereignty

2:10 – 2:20 PM | Break

BREAKOUT SESSIONS ROUND 4 (2:20 – 3:05 PM)

(Repeat Round 3 — participants select a new session)

Same sessions as above.

3:05 – 4:00 PM Closing Plenary & Commission Updates

- ND Indian Affairs Commission updates
- Closing remarks

4:00 PM | Conference Adjourns