

**ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE  
REPORT TO THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE - AS OF MARCH 31, 2010**

<b>EDUCATION BRANCH</b>			
<b>EVALUATION OF THE ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION (200811) AEC APPROVAL DATE: 24/09/2009</b>			
<b>PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<b>ACTION PLAN</b>	<b>EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE</b>	<b>PROGRAM RESPONSE</b>
1 - For federal government funding to be justified as serving the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada, NAAF must continue to make progress on distributing services equitably within the entire Aboriginal population. Improving accessibility for hard-to-reach groups, namely the North and French-speaking subpopulations, must lead to improving actual numbers served.	INAC will work with other government departments and NAAF to develop more targeted measures, such as outreach campaigns, specialized advertising, and stay-in-school and high-school equivalency initiatives for Inuit youth, who have lower high-school graduation rates and to provide enhanced services in French for French-speaking youth.	31/03/2010	<p><b>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010:</b></p> <p>NAAF outlined initiatives for outreach to French-speaking, Northern and Inuit groups in September 2009. Feedback and contact suggestions were provided in meetings with several parts of INAC as well as other departments in meetings in Fall 2009.</p> <p>NAAF has submitted a proposal to improve Aboriginal high school completions ("Realizing Projects") which is being considered by INAC's Education Branch.</p> <p>Tracking procedures to be used by NAAF were discussed with them in Fall 2009 and in a multi-departmental meeting January 14, 2010. Reporting on tracking procedures will be requested for NAAF's annual report for next fiscal year.</p> <p><b>AES:</b> AES will continue to follow progress on this recommendation.</p>
	INAC will work with other government departments and NAAF to develop annual targets for take-up of NAAF programs as well as tracking procedures. INAC will request that NAAF report annually on targets.	01/01/2010	
2 - NAAF should explore the possibility and potential of partnering with relevant like-minded organizations. These partnerships should be based on the common goal of improving NAAF service to currently underserved groups.	INAC will work in collaboration with other government departments, INAC Sectors and Regions, and NAAF to develop a strategy for establishing and maintaining working relationships with organizations such as, but not limited to, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) and other regional Inuit organizations as well as L'Assemblée des Premières nations du	31/03/2010	<p><b>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010:</b></p> <p>NAAF's strategy for establishing and maintaining working relationships with ITK and others serving underserved groups discussed with several sectors, departments' with NAAF in meetings in Fall 2009 and January 2010.</p>

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	Québec et Labrador (APNQL) in order to improve ongoing "on the ground" outreach to currently underserved groups, including targets and performance measures. INAC will include a requirement in the contribution agreement for NAAF to report on implementation in its annual report.		INAC will include a requirement in the contribution agreement, starting 2010/2011, for NAAF to report on this in its annual report.  <b>AES:</b> Close
3 - The federal government should create a single set of reporting requirements for NAAF funding. This will allow the federal government to stipulate a comprehensive set of performance data for review and analysis. Accordingly, it will eliminate the multiple, often competing, reporting demands placed on NAAF and improve the efficiency of the resources NAAF devotes to this task.	<p>This recommendation requires that a number of government departments coordinate and streamline their reporting and evaluation requirements, while satisfying needs with regard to accountability, value for money and measuring impacts.</p> <p>In addition, the Department's Policy on Transfer Payments sets out principles relating to risk-based reporting systems and continuous improvement as well as intra- and inter-departmental harmonization</p> <p>INAC will establish an interdepartmental working group to identify and assess current reporting demands, and to propose options which will reduce the reporting burden while not diluting reporting standards. New reporting requirements for NAAF will be approved by respective departments by January 30, 2010.</p>	01/11/2009 and ongoing	<p><b>Update/Rationale: As of 31/03/2010:</b></p> <p>Interdepartmental meetings (December 2009) and with NAAF (January 2010) led to the establishment of an interdepartmental working group to develop performance measures. INAC's new Performance Measurement Strategy Guidance is being used as the basis for the preparation of a draft Horizontal / Integrated Performance Measurement Strategy for NAAF, particularly with Health Canada and Canadian Heritage. This work is being facilitated through the Education Branch where the lead has been transferred from International Relations.</p> <p>Clarification of program renewal at Health Canada and Canadian Heritage for continued program funds for NAAAF facilities on-going multi-departmental work on performance measures. Reduction of the reporting burden is being considered as part of this work.</p> <p><b>AES:</b> Performance Measurement Strategy is being developed.</p>

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4 - NAAF should increase the promotion of the Education Program to participants in Taking Pulse and Blueprint For the Future. This will support the degree to which intermediate and final outcomes are achieved for both the Taking Pulse and Blueprint For the Future activity areas. Moreover, in order to improve monitoring and measurement of program success, NAAF should track participant flow from one activity area to another	INAC will work with other government departments and NAAF through regular multi-party meetings to support NAAF in developing more effective monitoring systems that can better track participant activity prior to and following participation in Taking Pulse or Blueprint For the Future activities by, for example, establishing participant profiles which can be entered into a database and tracking interactive website use.	01/04/2010	<p><b>Update/Rationale:</b> <b>As of 31/03/2010:</b></p> <p>Promotion and tracking between programs has been heightened by NAAF and can be seen at the Blueprint For the Future in Fall 2009 and Winter 2010 as well as other data collection undertakings by NAAF.</p> <p><b>AES:</b> AES will continue to follow progress on this recommendation.</p>