

*16th Annual BC Natural
Resources Forum 2019*



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS**

*Thurs. Jan. 24, 2019
Civic Centre
Lheidli T'enneh
(Prince George)*

BCAFN Mandates

- *Advance the rights and interests of First Nations people in British Columbia;*
- *Restore and enhance the relationship among First Nations peoples in British Columbia, the Crown and people of Canada;*
- *Develop and promote policies and resources for the benefit of First Nations people in British Columbia including but not limited to economic, social, education, health and cultural matters; and*
- *Work in coalition with other organizations that advance the rights and interests of First Nations peoples.*



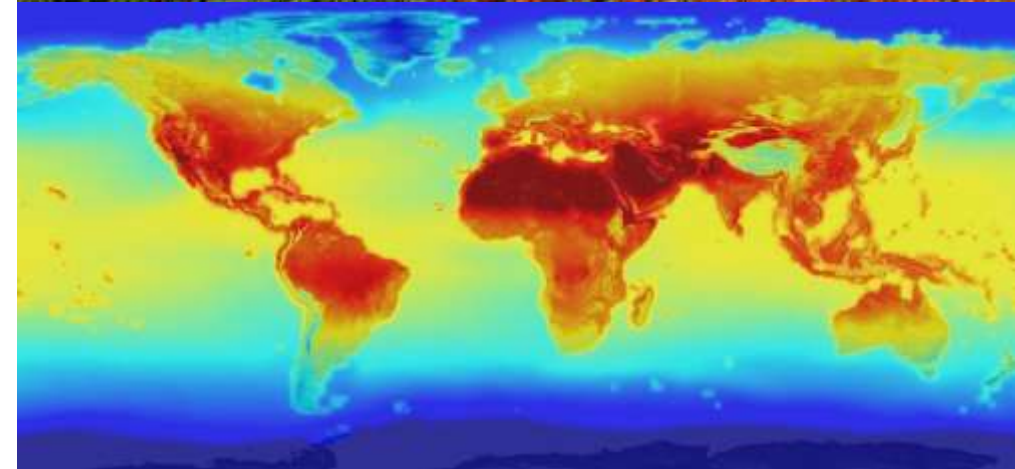
Role of First Nations Peoples

- *Decision and policy makers based on their laws*
- *Beneficiaries from all resources extracted, protected and restored*
- *Investors and supporters of projects that meet their standards and follow their laws*

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FORESTRY REFORM NEEDED

- Legislative and policy changes need to make UN Declaration compliant – inclusive of FPIC and acknowledgement of First Nations rights and title
- Tenure reform for First Nations to manage – forest companies need to change their perspectives and practices
- Land use planning processes needed to address climate change and legal rights of First Nations – we are NOT STAKEHOLDERS



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