# PCC Task Group for Metadata Related to Indigenous Peoples of the Americas

**Charge:**

The PCC Task Group for Metadata Related to Indigenous Peoples of the Americas is charged to:

Review and undertake the following actions identified by the PCC Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and approved by the PCC Policy Committee:

- Identify and evaluate vocabularies to describe Indigenous groups, topics, etc., as alternatives to LCSH (such as LC Demographic Group Terms, the First Nations House of Learning subject headings, First Nations, Métis and Inuit – Indigenous Ontologies [FNMIIO], etc.) and promote their use within PCC institutions.
- Identify groups that are working with library metadata related to Indigenous peoples (such as the Latin American and Indigenous Peoples SACO Funnel) and provide avenues for collaboration.
- Advise and support LC in its project to revise Indigenous terminology as announced in 2022 (including work on revising the "Indians of North America" LCSH).
- Produce a brief report discussing the potential for revisions to the E75-E99 LC Classification range, moving topics to more appropriate areas of LCC.
- Assess and report on what indigenous scripts are available in UNICODE and what major library systems can handle those scripts. When looking at library systems, study all aspects/features including cataloging platforms, indexing, and displays.
- Create a statement encouraging members to prioritize reparative description of Native group names and Native individuals, including the creation or editing of name authority records for Indigenous topics in consultation with Indigenous communities and organizations
- Create a statement acknowledging how PCC standards have traditionally disempowered Indigenous peoples' right to self-determination in naming.

For each point above, the group may release information, recommendations, or plans with conclusions for consideration by the Policy Committee. They do not need to be held for the preliminary or final reports. The preliminary and final

reports can summarize the work of the group and point to accomplishments. As well and as is appropriate, the Task Group may create subgroups to assist in addressing the points above in fulfillment of its charge.

**PCC Strategic Directions progress 2023- (working document):**

- **SD 6.5**: Build a knowledge base of metadata practices that have been or should be evaluated and possibly identified for harm-reducing remediation efforts (sometimes referred to as "critical cataloging," "reparative cataloging" or "reparative description").
    - Action item 1: Continually track the work of organizations, both within and outside the PCC, that identify and redress problematic subject headings and other vocabulary terms.
    - Action item 3: Determine how and when to boost the signal of such work happening externally to the PCC and encourage PCC members to participate in that work
    - Action item 4: Where appropriate, actively identify additional reparative efforts, taking care to avoiding duplication of effort with other communities
- **SD 6**: Explore partnerships with other organizations and institutions to participate in and promote ADEI initiatives.
    - Action item 2: Reach out to other organizations (including but not limited to National Indigenous Knowledge & Language Alliance-Alliance nationale des connaissances et des langues autochtones (NIKLA-ANCLA), OCLC, LD4 Ethics in Linked Data Affinity Group).

**Time Frame:**

Time frame for the work: 15-16 months
Date charged: May 1, 2023
Date preliminary report due: March 15, 2024
Date final report due: September 15, 2024

**Reports to:**

PCC Policy Committee

**Roster:**

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**Final Report Transmittal & Tracking Sheet:**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E6tgw2pLnZ52GeJCFXOPzeGGYEfKdKyu/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=114061908367392683871&rtpof=true&sd=true