

## Government to Government: What Works and What Doesn't

### What Works:

- Flexibility
- Communication
  - Using clear, plain language
- Knowing others' priorities
- Knowing who to send to meetings
  - Person must be in the right role and have authority
  - Try sending the same person consistently (turnover is difficult)
- Knowing each other's capabilities
- Respecting cultural resources and practices (ex. "Indian time")
- Identifying those with the proper authority
- Recognizing treaty rights/sovereignty
- Ensuring the safety and protection of the community
- Trust responsibility
  - Government knows what the tribes know
  - Process for issue resolution is already established

### What Doesn't Work:

- Calling tribes "stakeholders" (box checking)
- Communications can be limited in rural areas
- Council making decisions based on personal feelings
- False assumptions
- Expectations without communication
- Tribal representatives being a "token presence"
- One sided mandates (ex. H1N1)

### What is a trust responsibility?

- Guide for self-governance
- Nation within a nation
- Respect for treaties made with each tribal nation
- Enforce and reinforce tribal directives with care
- Accountability to tribes for actions and directives

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