

## Truth and Reconciliation one recommended action; Make Your Own Land Acknowledgment

Acknowledging Treaty territory is a way of showing respect for Indigenous people. It is the recognition of Indigenous presence both in the past and the present. Acknowledging land before a speech, during daily announcements and before assemblies, are essential to establishing healthy, reciprocal relations. These simple gestures are key to reconciliation. <http://empoweringthespirit.ca/treaty-education/>

Create your own acknowledgment for your treaty area in which you live in.

Below is a template. Make it your own, using your knowledge of Alberta treaties. "I wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is in Treaty \_\_\_\_\_(treaty number) territory. This is within and surrounding the traditional meeting grounds and home for many Indigenous Peoples, including \_\_\_\_\_ (names of language groups). This is also home to the Métis communities of \_\_\_\_\_ (list communities). I also wish to acknowledge the Inuit people who join us in this area and bring with them a rich and beautiful culture from which we learn. I want to acknowledge our Elders in this area who \_\_\_\_\_ (list special contributions and role of Elders) in our communities. I also wish to honour the Elders, Knowledge Keepers and traditionalists who have gone before us and those who continue to walk with us today."

Links that can provide support as you complete your land acknowledgment include:  
Métis Settlement Maps <https://metisarchitect.com/2015/07/27/introduction-the-alberta-metis-settlements/> <http://www.settlementinvestcorp.com/>  
Role of an Elder <https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/aboriginal-elder-definition>

### **Land acknowledgement for the AMAAS Conference in Canmore, 2017**

AMAAS recognizes First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. This Conference Centre is located within Treaty 7 territory, traditional territories and home of the Stoney Nakoda, Blackfoot and Tsuut'ina Nations, as well as Zone 3 Metis. And together with the settlers of this land - we are all Treaty People.

Alberta is home to three Treaty territories.

## Numbered Treaties in Alberta

Treaty 8 was signed in 1899.

Treaty 6 was signed in 1876.

Treaty 7 was signed in 1877.



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