



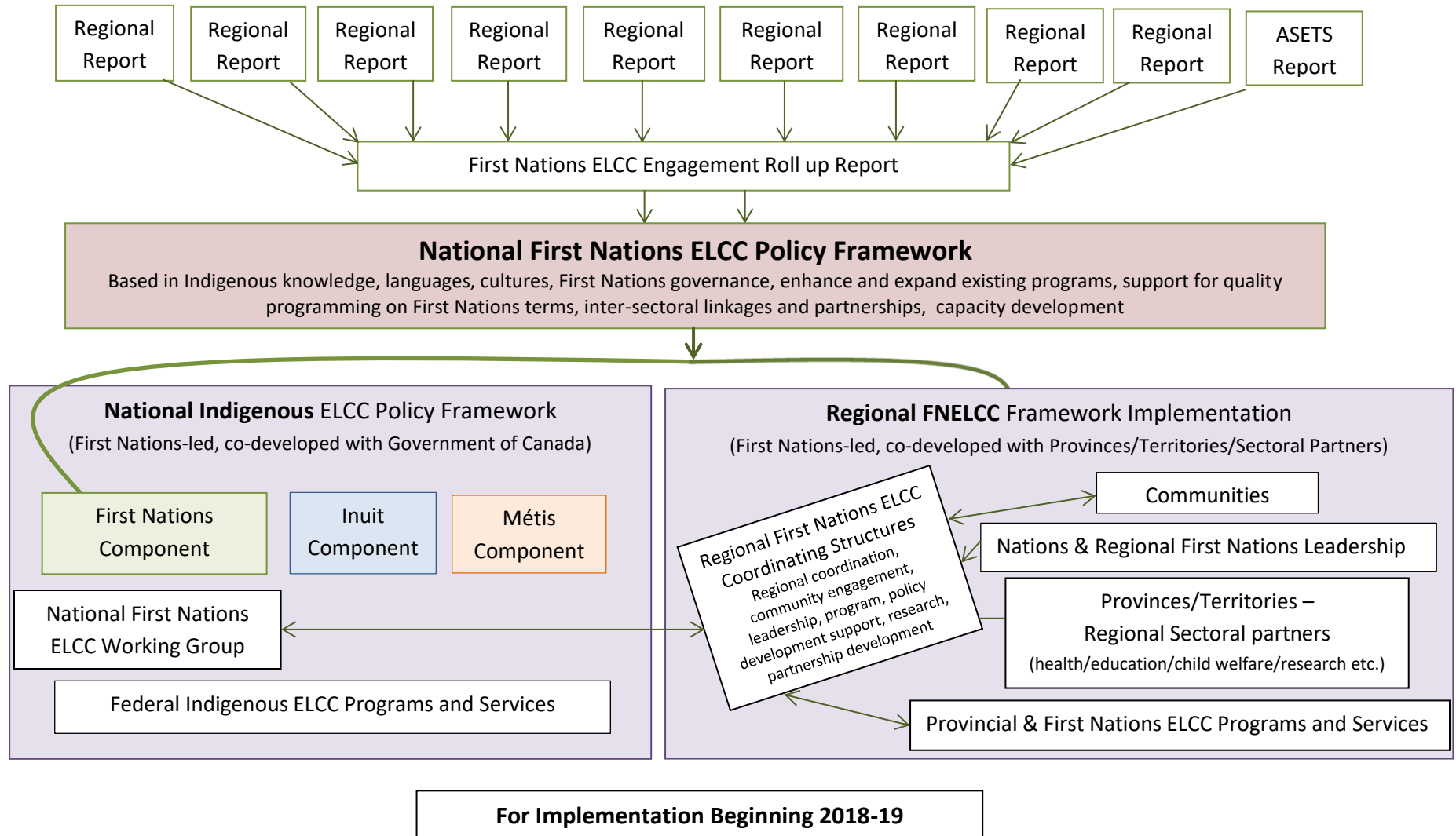
The First Nations ELCC Framework

- The First Nations ELCC framework empowers First Nations in autonomy and diversity in early learning and child care policy and governance
- The First Nations ELCC framework has been developed in respect of inherent First Nations rights and title, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation of Canada's Calls to Action, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, the 2017 Assembly of First Nations ELCC regional engagement processes and current federal commitments - through a joint co-development process in facilitation of the operational recognition of Indigenous rights with respect to affirmative First Nations child and family supports
- The framework makes possible coordinated and comprehensive approaches in support of First Nations children and families that would *enhance, expand and transform* ELCC governance and program delivery via substantial and sustainable additional investments based in need, equity, cultural priority and First Nations control
- In **regional processes supporting local approaches**, the First Nations ELCC framework advances seven guiding principles: *Indigenous knowledges, languages, and cultures; First Nations governance; Quality programs and services; Inclusive, accessible and flexible; Transparent and accountable; Collaborations and partnerships; First Nations' Capacity development*
- Subject to regional implementation priorities, framework implementation prioritizes capacity development support at the community, nation, region, and national levels separate from program funding
- The implementation of the framework began in fiscal year 2018-19 following federal allocations of 10-year IELCC funding of 1.07 billion dollars
- The joint National ELCC Working Group continues to support the development of regional and national framework implementation processes, which include First Nations allocations formula development and ongoing regional First Nations community, practitioner, partner, and leadership engagement

Steps toward the First Nations Early Learning and Child Care Framework:

- AFN Resolution #39-2016 mandated working group and engagement processes (July 2016)
- AFN joint ELCC Working Group established (September 2016)
- Regional First Nations ELCC Engagement Development (Fall-Winter 2016-2017)
- Regional First Nations ELCC Engagement (Spring-Summer 2017)
- Most Regional First Nations ELCC Engagement Reports completed & validated (August-September 2017)
- National Rollup Report of First Nations ELCC engagement (Fall 2017)
- National First Nations ELCC Draft Framework Development (Fall 2017)
- AFN Resolution #83-2017 passed endorsing First Nations ELCC framework – with linkage to federal IELCC framework support (December 2017)
- Regional partnership development toward regional First Nations ELCC framework implementation (since mid-June 2017) – Development of BC provincial partnership in regional framework implementation (since mid-2017)
- Federal cabinet approval of FNELCC & IELCC frameworks (September 2018)
- AFN resolution #59-2018 endorsed First Nations-proposed initial federal allocations for framework implementation - for years 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 (December 2018)
- Frameworks beginning implementation in BC in ongoing engagement & partnership development, sectoral wage enhancement & community planning capacity (2018-2019)

First Nations Process toward a National First Nations ELCC Framework¹



¹ Mandated by the AFN Chiefs in Assembly Resolution 39-2016, UBCIC Resolutions 2016-48 & 2017-39, First Nations Summit Resolutions 1016.03 & 1017.03 and BC Assembly of First Nations Resolutions 12-2016 & 14-2017, endorsed by AFN Chiefs in Assembly by Resolution 83-2017. Federal adoption of the framework was announced in September 2018 – with initial allocations endorsed moving forward into implementation by AFN Chiefs in Assembly Resolution 59-2018.