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APTN NATIONAL NEWS TO COVER THE *CROWN – FIRST NATIONS GATHERING*

Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) National News and Current Affairs team will provide extensive and in-depth coverage of the historic *Crown – First Nations Gathering* this month.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has officially confirmed the *Crown – First Nations Gathering* takes place in Ottawa on January 24, 2012. The gathering is aimed at re-setting the relationship between First Nations and the federal government. It is the first meeting for Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the collective First Nation leadership. The gathering includes First Nations leaders, the Prime Minister, and members of Cabinet.

The gathering builds on the residential school apology, the endorsement of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, as well as collaborative efforts like the Specific Claims Tribunal and the creation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The *Crown – First Nations Gathering* creates the potential to advance a forward-looking agenda.

APTN National News will be in Ottawa to cover the *Crown – First Nations Gathering* beginning on January 23. APTN will broadcast live coverage of the opening ceremony on January 24. Host Michael Hutchison and the *National News* team will be on-site to bring live updates and behind-the-scenes coverage throughout the day. On January 26, tune in to the final half of *APTN National News* to see host Cheryl McKenzie, joined by special guests, reflect on the week's events.

Viewers can tune in to APTN and www.aptn.ca for extensive coverage which will include live web streaming, highlights and recaps of APTN's involvement in this event.

For more information on the Gathering, see <http://crownfirstnationgathering.com>.

About APTN:

September 1, 2011, marked the 12-year anniversary of the launch of the first national Aboriginal television network in the world with programming by, for and about Aboriginal Peoples to share with all Canadians and viewers around the world. APTN is available in approximately 10 million Canadian households and commercial establishments with cable, direct-to-home satellite (DTH), telco-delivered and fixed wireless television service providers. The network launched its high definition channel APTN HD in the spring of 2008. APTN does not receive government funding for operations but generates revenue through subscriber fees, advertising sales and strategic partnerships. APTN broadcasts programming with 56% offered in English, 16% in French and 28% in Aboriginal languages. For program schedule or for more information, please contact APTN at (204) 947-9331 or toll-free at 1-888-278-8862, or visit the website at www.aptn.ca.

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