



# INDIA CANADA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

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**ICFC announces its 1<sup>st</sup> Lecture Event in its  
Environment Series:**

## ***“Reconciliation, People and Place - the Environment”***

***Presented by Prof. Bob Watts***

**on Wednesday, 15th June 2022  
19:00 – 21:00 EDT (on Zoom)**

**To receive Zoom details, please register at the following link: <https://icfc.ws/register/>**

**RSVPs required by June 13th, 2022**



**Synopsis of Lecture:** The talk and dialogue will focus broadly on the Environment and our ongoing journey of Reconciliation with particular attention paid to the effects of colonialism on people and the land - and what reconciliation can tell us about both. Prof. Watts will also discuss his work on the Nuclear Waste Management's Siting Process.

**About the Speaker:** Robert (Bob) Watts is Vice President, Indigenous Relations and Strategic Programs at the Nuclear Waste Management Organization. His work here includes working on the Waste Management Siting Process. Bob is also an Adjunct Professor and Distinguished Fellow in the School of Policy Studies, Queen's University. Bob Watts is a much sought-after expert in Indigenous policy, negotiations, training and conflict resolution. Bob was the Executive Director of the Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and also served as the Chief of Staff and CEO to the Assembly of First Nations' National Chief, Phil Fontaine and later Perry Bellgarde. His public service includes Assistant Deputy Minister for the Government of Canada and Senior Executive in Ontario. He is also a recipient of the Inspire Award for Public Service. Bob is a graduate of the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and has an Honorary Doctor of Laws from McMaster University. He is from Mohawk and Ojibway ancestry and resides at the Six Nations Indian Reserve.

### **About India Canada Friendship Circle**

India Canada Friendship Circle (ICFC), a non-profit Canadian organization, operating in Ottawa since 2004 and conducting lectures by prominent speakers, encourages dialogue on India and Canada in a non-religious, non-partisan and harmonious environment. The words "friendship" and "circle" in its name, convey an explicit desire to forge and maintain close ties among Canadians with an interest in India.

ICFC's mission is to promote learning and an intercultural relationship between India and Canada in the areas of philosophy, history, literature, economy, diplomacy, the arts and sciences through prominent speakers.

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