



MEETING EDE 43-20-25

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENT**

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025
EAGLE ROOM, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY / ZOOM
10:30 AM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Review and Adoption of Agenda
4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
5. Public Matters
 - a) Public briefing with ITI Minister – Update on Mineral Resources Act Regulations
6. In Camera Matters
 - a) Debrief
 - b) Confidential correspondence
 - 2025-01-28 Honourable Minister of ECC
 - 2025-02-11 Honourable Minister of INF
 - 2025-02-20 Honourable Minister of ITI
7. Deferred Matters
 - a) Regulatory Framework Project
 - b) Economic diversification/renewables project
 - c) Economic Advisory Committee
 - d) Macroeconomic Policy Framework
8. Workplan
9. New Business
 - a)

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

- Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 1030am

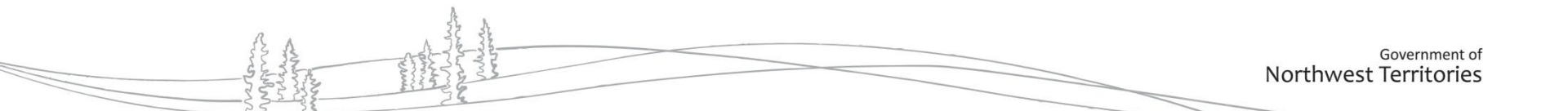
11. Adjournment



Mineral Resources Act Implementation

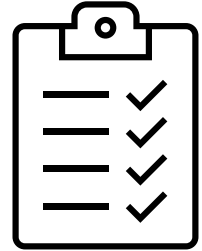
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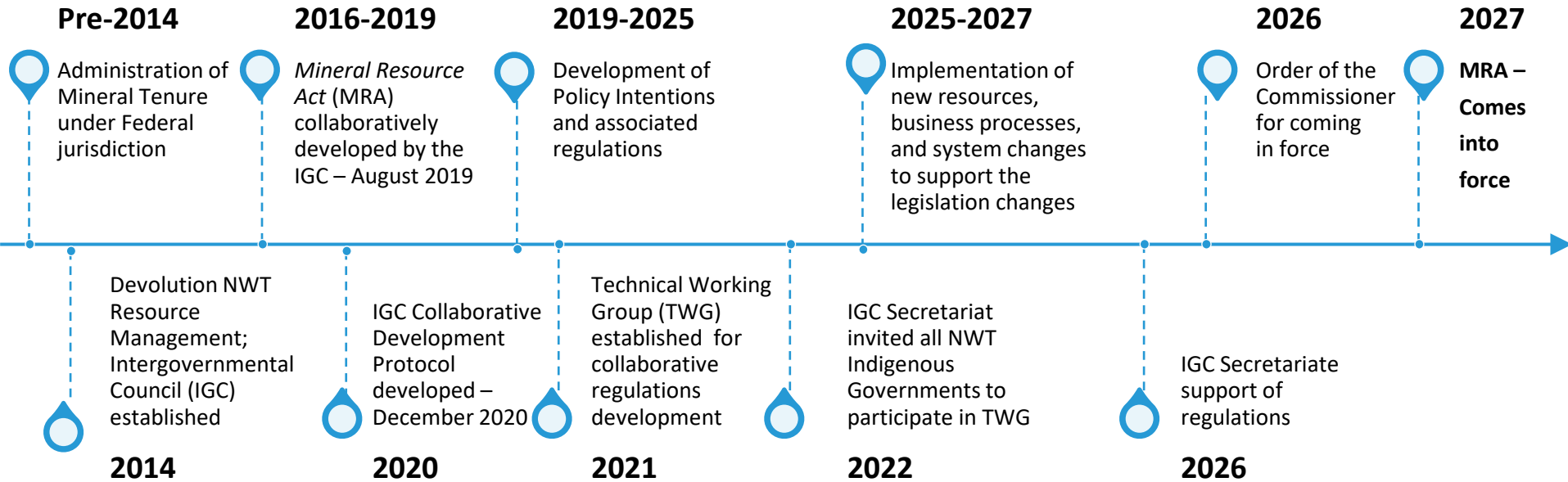
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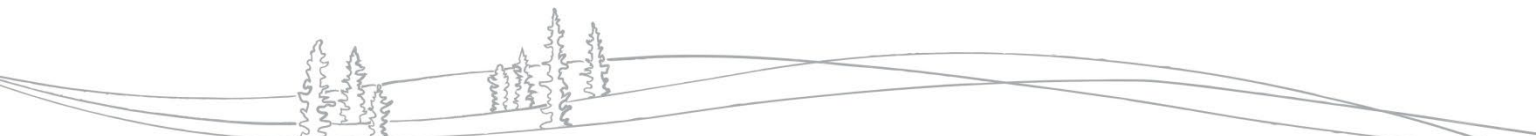
1. Devolution to Evolution
2. Mining Governance and gap in the NWT
3. Mineral Resource Act Improvements
4. Regulations Creation and engagement
5. Regulations Implementation
6. Royalties Regulations status
7. Phase 2 of the Regulations status
8. Timeline for implementation



Devolution to Evolution

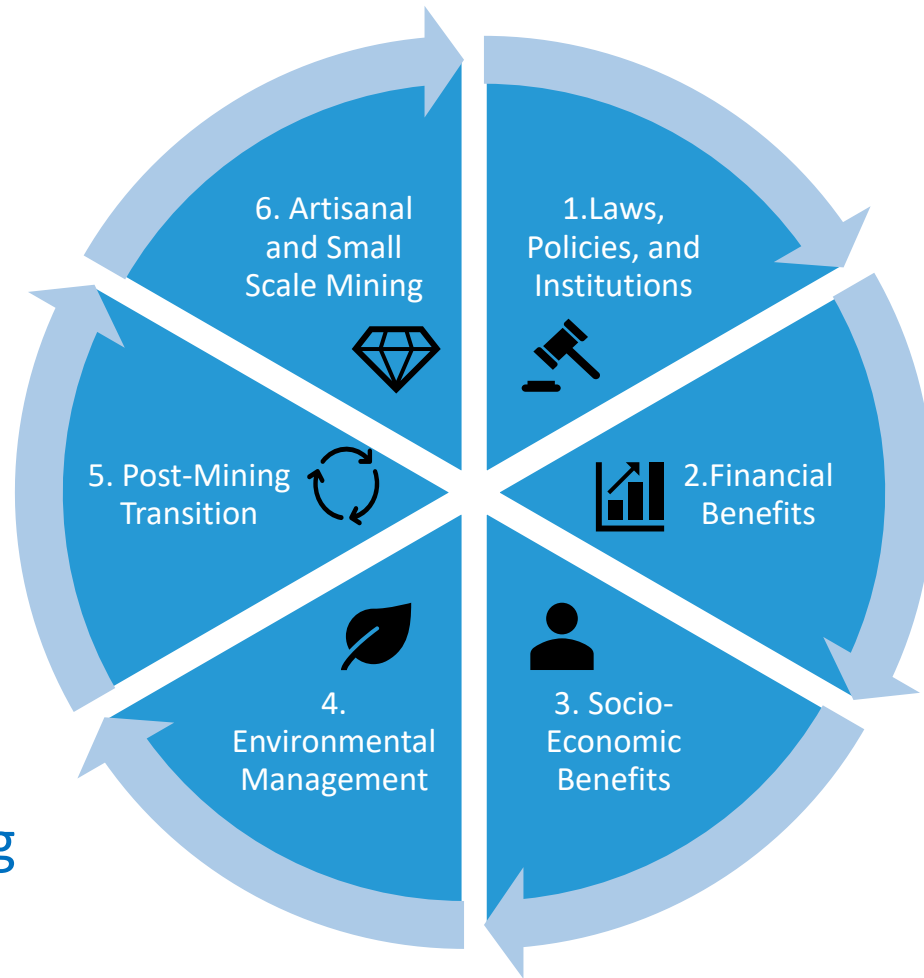


Why is GNWT Evolving the Exploration and Mining Administration Legislation?

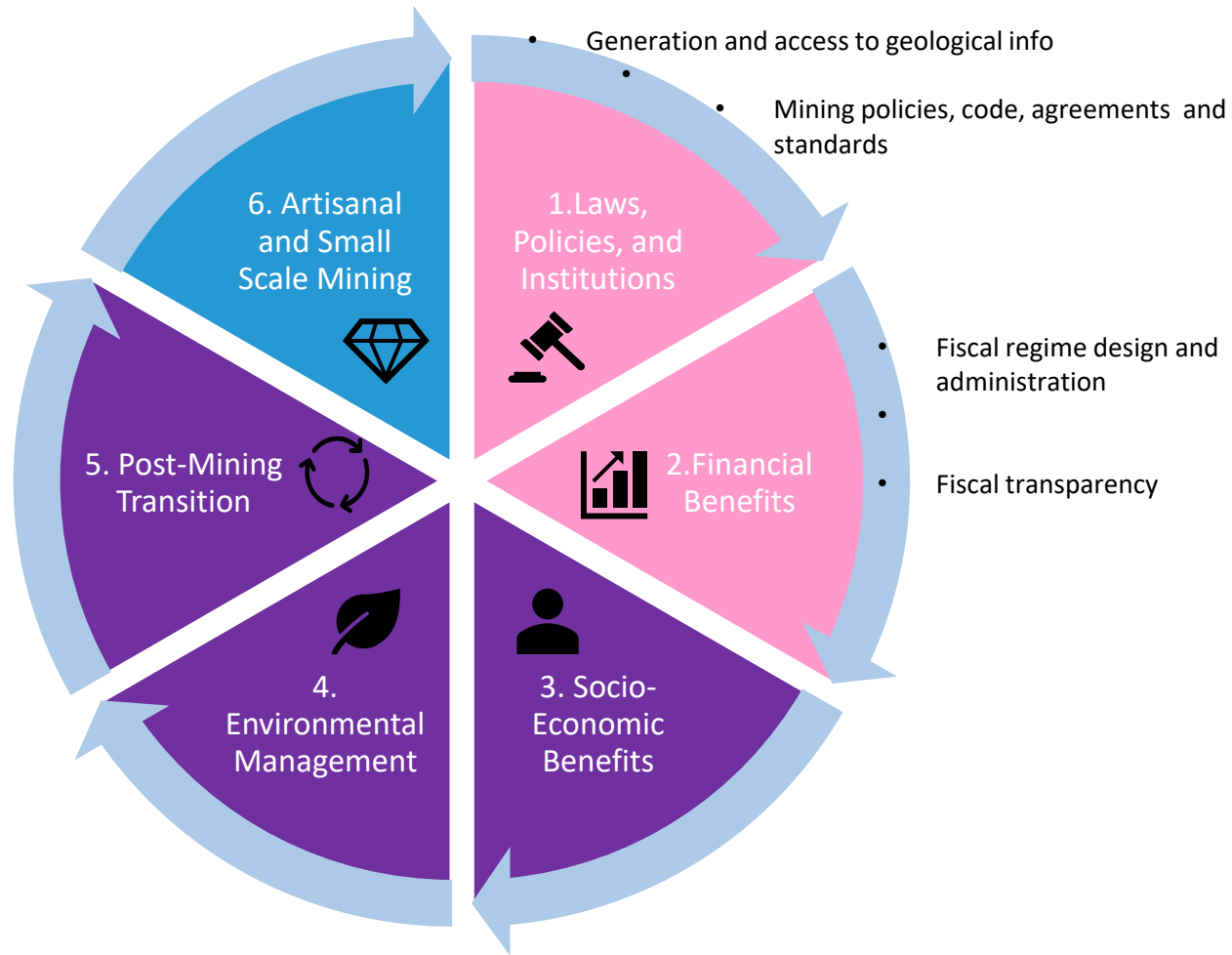


Sustainable Mining Governance

Intergovernmental Form (IGF) Mining Policy Framework – identifies good practices required for good environmental, social and economic governance of the mining sector

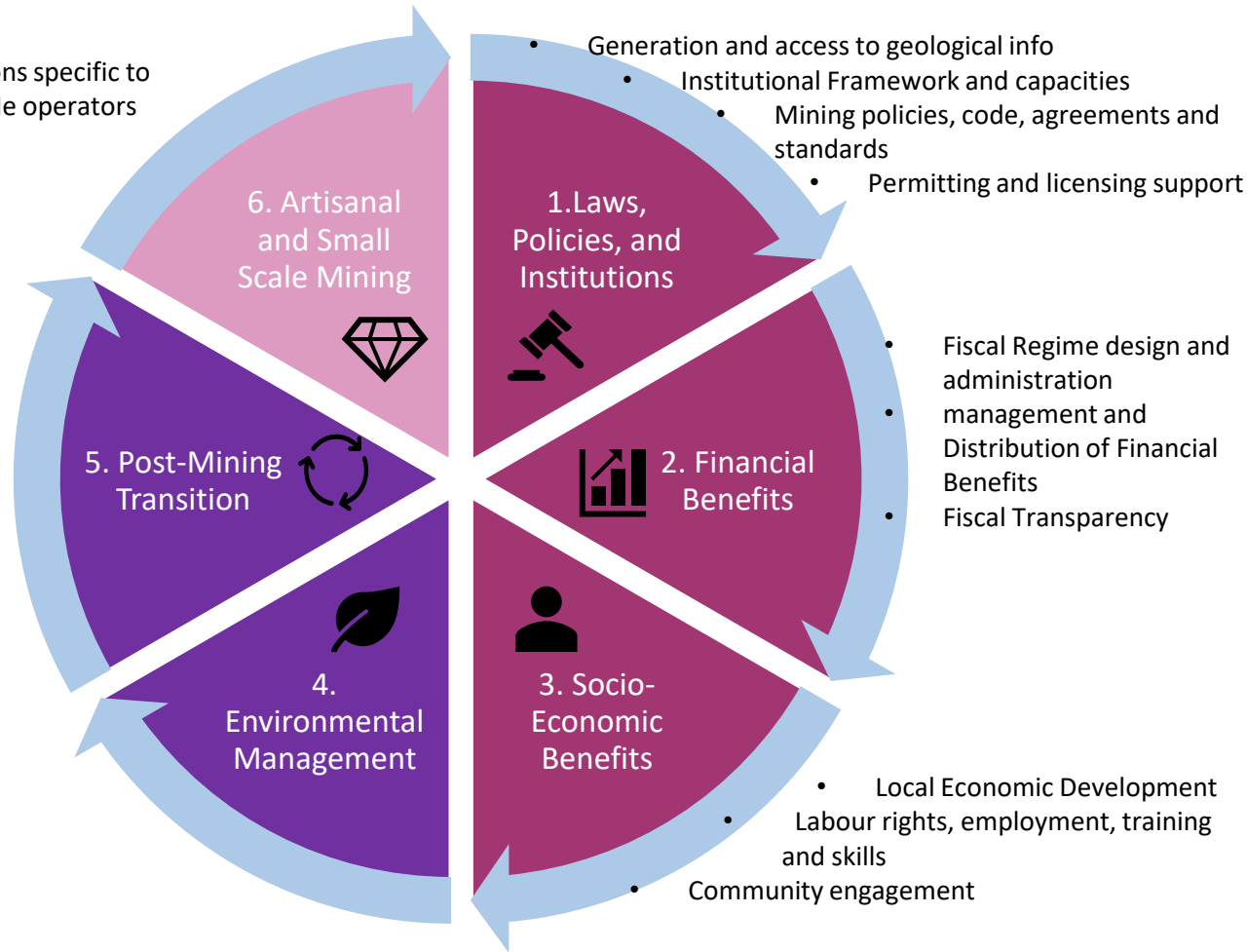


NWT Mining Regulations – focused on 2 key areas

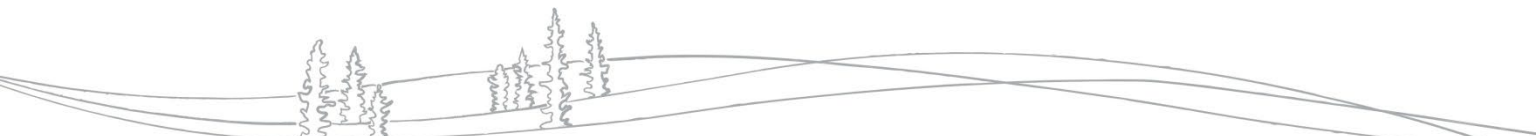


MRA – focuses regulation development improvements in 4 key areas for a sustainable mining sector

- Regulations specific to small scale operators



What are the Specific Mineral Resources Act (MRA) Improvements?



Benefits of the *MRA* coming-into-force

Improved Mining Sector



Increased opportunities for relationship building through knowledge sharing



Increased publicly available technical information



Increased transparency with Public Registry



Increased tools for companies to managing tenure



Mandatory benefits requirements to occur with production



Increased monitoring of Production



Increased access to exploration rights with online map staking



How are *MRA* Regulations Being Created?



Overall Legislative Approach for MRA

MRA – Coming-into- force

- General administrative regulations (extended claim, lease to production licences, increased geological data and enforcement)
- Socio-economics, Benefits and Dispute Resolution
- Mineral Rights Review board
- Royalty mirror regulations
- Transitional Regulations

Royalties framework enhancements

- Updated Royalty structure and deduction allowances

MRA – Phase 2

- Enhanced map tools
- Zones
- Temporary Restricted Areas
- Online Map Staking

Intergovernmental Council (IGC) on Land and Resource Management: Legislative Development Protocol (the protocol) Steps

Step	Name	Phase 1 Regulations	Phase 2 Regulations
A	GNWT Invitation to Participate	Invite sent in 2020	Step A fulfilled through original invite
B	Indigenous Government Organizations (IGOs) Determine Level of Engagement	2021 meeting to determine level of engagement	Step B fulfilled through original invite
C	Engagement Assessment and Planning	2021 – workplan and timeline shared	Step C fulfilled through Phase 1 meeting
D	Legislative Proposal and Regulations Development	2019	Step D fulfilled through Phase 1 meeting
E	Establishment of Technical Working Group (TWG)	2021 first meeting held	Step E fulfilled through original decisions
F	Collaborative Development of Draft Legislation (including Regulations)	<i>Draft Regulations expected to be ready for Step G Spring/Summer 2026</i>	<i>Draft Regulations expected in 2027</i>
G	IGCS Review	<i>Summer/Fall 2026</i>	<i>2028</i>

MRA Regulations – Technical Working Group Established (Protocol Step E)

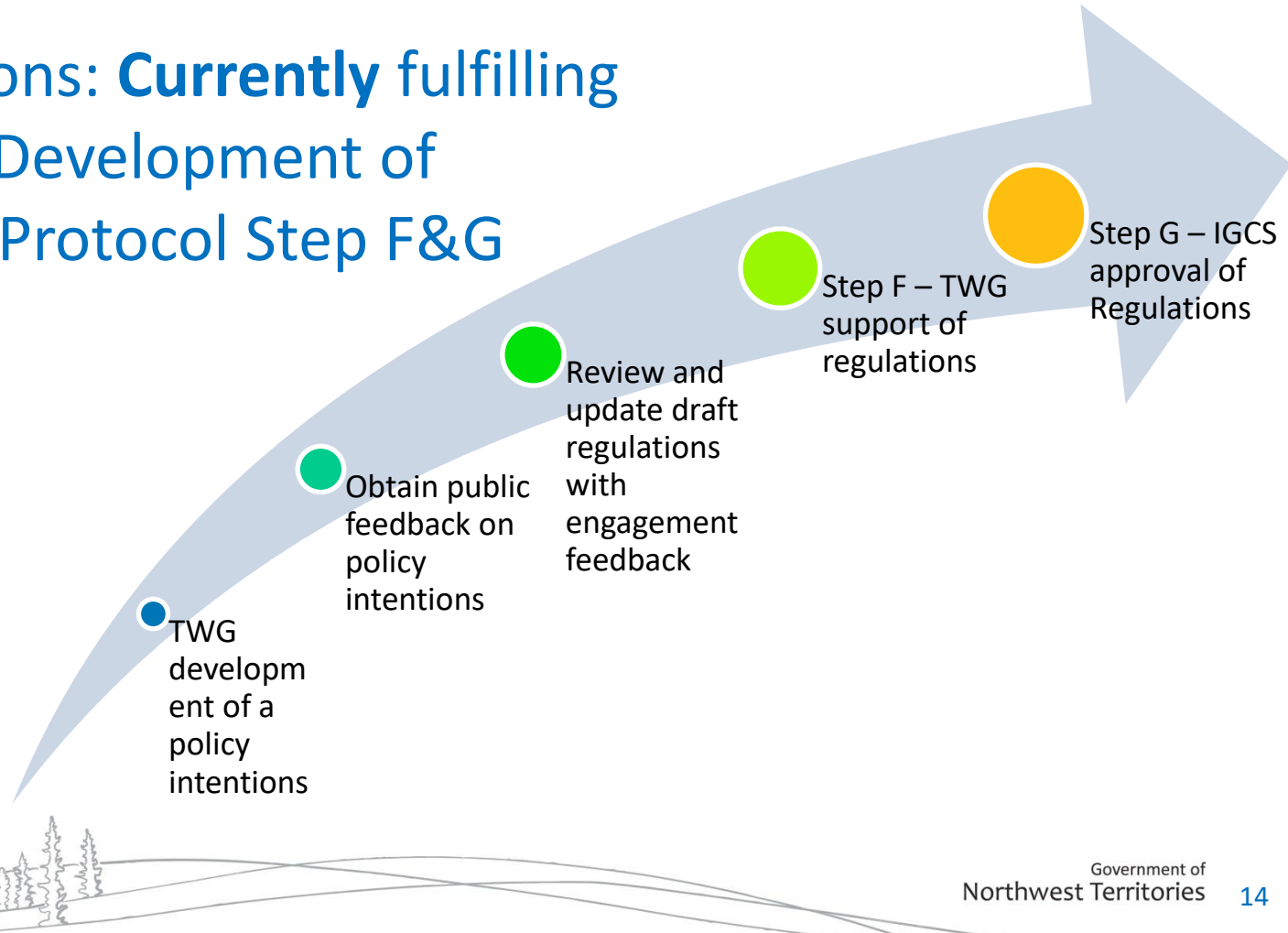
Intergovernmental Council (IGC) Secretariate invited and continually encourages all NWT Indigenous Government and Organizations (IGOs) to participate in the Technical Working Group (TWG)

Twelve IGOs currently have representatives participating

This includes
representatives of each IGC
organizations and those
additional IGOs who accepted
IGCS invite to participate in the
TWG

Participation in TWG is made up
of the majority of NWT IGOs

MRA Regulations: **Currently** fulfilling Collaborative Development of Regulations – Protocol Step F&G



MRA Regulations: Implementation of the Regulations

Development of the regulations is only part of the necessary work to be able to come into force with the MRA

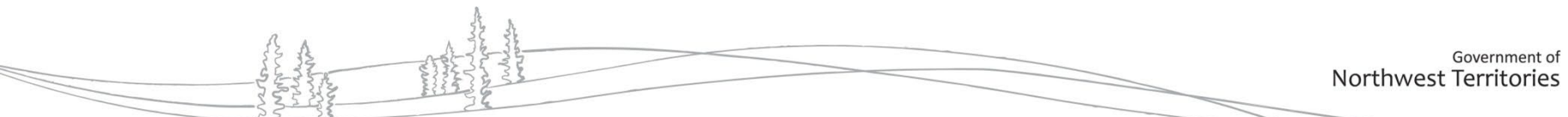
Need to resource areas where new responsibilities are obtained

Develop new business rules

Update software to implement new business rules (i.e. the Mineral Administration and Registry System)

Develop external guidance documents

Prepare proponents of the changes in managing their mineral interests



Royalties updated Regulations



Mirrored copy of Royalty Regulations on track for coming in force (2027)



Currently ITI is engaging on the proposed changes to the Royalties framework and allowances and deductions



Following engagement a draft policy intentions document will be created



Regulations will be drafted thereafter



Regulation amendments for updated map tools (Online map staking, Zones and Temporary Restricted Areas) – phase 2

Currently developing policy intentions for enhanced map tools and integration of these tools into the regulations

Contracting for the system changes required to update these tools is currently in progress

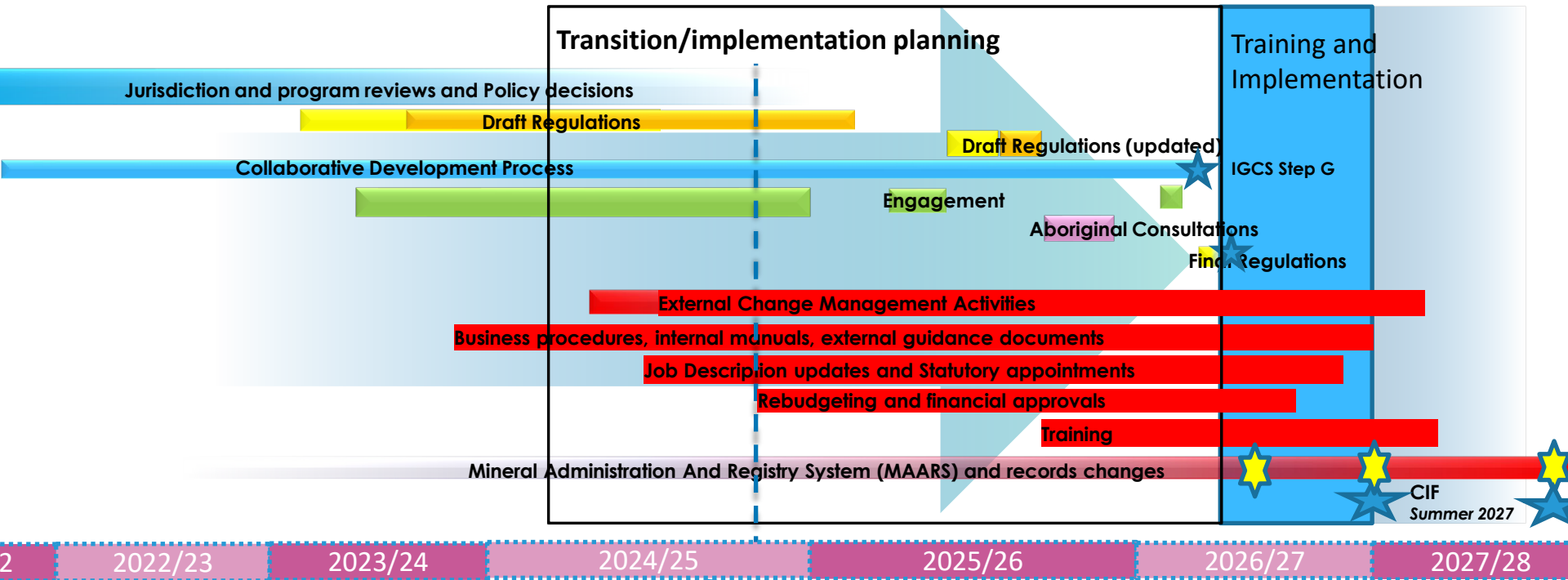
These regulations will be developed after general regulations are complete



Timeline for Implementing Regulations

Adjustment
Period

Planning & Regulation Development



Questions?

