



## **FNLKC Conference Workshop Presenter**

**Workshop Title:** The Impact of the Language Conservancy's Revitalization Model on Native US Languages

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**Biography:** Wilhelm Meya is the Chief Executive Officer of The Language Conservancy (TLC). Mr. Meya is a national advocate for endangered languages and draws on more than 20 years of experience in higher education, linguistics and non-profit management. Under Mr. Meya's leadership, TLC has become the chief promoter of worldwide action for protecting languages and preserving cultures.

**Abstract:** Founded in 2005, TLC assists in the preservation and revitalization of Native American endangered languages. TLC is the lead US organization providing direct language revitalization services to communities and works with over 15 languages. They are the leading provider of summer institute trainings, animated cartoon series, mobile applications, and advanced learning materials such as textbooks, grammars and dictionaries. A trusted partner of native communities, they work to build a sustainable language infrastructure and has been instrumental in providing new and innovative solutions to language fluency and use among speakers and learners. This presentation will offer an overview of the organization's best practices, and provide insight into how TLC projects could serve as models for First Nations languages and communities in Canada.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this workshop, delegates will:

- Be able to list best practices in linguistics, language instruction, the creation of culturally-relevant curricula and resources and, approaches to community partnerships that TLC has identified through our work with Native American languages
- Gain insight into the language revitalization efforts of at least five Native communities in the US