

DISE COLLECTIVE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the original stewards of the land and we acknowledge our elders.

We acknowledge our responsibility to the land and resources, and the original stewards of this land - the Indigenous people of this world who have also been exploited and oppressed to enrich colonial and settler powers.

We acknowledge that for thousands of years this land on which the University of Toronto operates, has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and beyond, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to live, work and play on this land.

As members of the DISE Collective and partners of The Banker Ladies Council we acknowledge the African origins of all humanity, and the struggles of our ancestors. The African descendants forcibly brought to this stolen land and enslaved, as well as all those labourers who continue to work without just compensation.

We acknowledge those who have, and those who continue, to combat coloniality, casteism, racism, anti-Dalit, anti-Blackness, anti-indigeneity, homophobia, misogyny, and patriarchy. With those histories of resistance and resilience we acknowledge collective institutions such as self-help groups, ROSCAs, cooperatives and mutual aid associations as a tool for liberation, and those who use economic solidarity and cooperation for humanization.

Citations

- Official UofT Land Acknowledgement at [Satchel Paige](#)
- Members of the Diverse Solidarity Economies Collective (DISE Collective) formulated this statement, see more www.africanaeconomics.com

