### **Checklist: Systematic Relationship Building & Community Engagement Readiness**

**Purpose:** To ensure systematic and respectful relationship building with communities through progressive phases of engagement

**Task:** Check off at least four activities in each phase before proceeding to the next phase

**Phase 1: Foundation Building**

* [ ] Completed comprehensive community background research
* [ ] Established contact with appropriate community leaders
* [ ] Participated in formal introduction protocols
* [ ] Attended at least three community events or gatherings
* [ ] Demonstrated basic cultural protocol knowledge
* [ ] Initiated relationships with diverse community members

**Phase 2: Trust Development**

* [ ] Maintained regular presence without a specific agenda
* [ ] Provided support for community priorities unrelated to your interests
* [ ] Demonstrated cultural respect through consistent, appropriate behavior
* [ ] Developed connections with multiple community members
* [ ] Shown reliability through follow-through on commitments
* [ ] Navigated at least one cultural misunderstanding successfully

**Phase 3: Integration & Acceptance**

* [ ] Received invitations to participate in community events
* [ ] Been included in informal decision-making conversations about the project
* [ ] Developed relationships with cultural knowledge keepers
* [ ] Contributed meaningfully to community initiatives or challenges
* [ ] Demonstrated understanding of complex community dynamics
* [ ] Established clear communication patterns and feedback mechanisms