**DISABILITY AND WORK IN CANADA**

# **Strategy-in-Action**

## **Delta Ottawa City Centre – December 4 & 5, 2019**

You are invited to [**DWC2019 – Strategy-in-Action**](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dwc2019-strategy-in-action-registration-68313779353?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=cp&utm-term=destsearch) to be held at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Ottawa City Centre, **December 4 & 5, 2018.** The conference will build overall engagement and momentum for implementation plans around the revised Pan-Canadian Strategy to improve employment of persons with disabilities in Canada.

This conference will be the next step in a process that began in November 2017, when a broad range of work disability partners held a highly successful conference in Ottawa entitled “[Disability and Work in Canada: Success and Challenges of Canada’s First 150 Years, Developing a Vision and Strategy for the Future](https://www.crwdp.ca/en/dwc-past-events).”

A draft strategy was developed and distributed in the Fall of 2018, prior to the second national conference, "[Disability and Work in Canada: A Partnership for Moving Forward](https://www.crwdp.ca/en/dwc-past-events)“. The objective was to foster broad consensus on the key elements of that strategy.

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# **Preliminary Conference Agenda**

### **Wednesday, December 4**

8:15 – 9:00 **Registration**

 Light continental breakfast

9:00-9:45 **Recognition statement and indigenous prayer**

 Welcome

 **Objectives for this conference**

 **Brief overview of the strategy and implementation framework**

9:45-10:15 **Plenary:** The keys to successful strategy implementation

10:15–10:35 **Table talk** on implementing the strategy

*10:35-10:50* ***Break***

10:50-11:55 **What we can learn from related activities across Canada**

11:55-12:10 **Table talk** on what we can learn from others

12:10-12:15 **Preview of the afternoon sessions**

*12:15-1:30* ***Lunch & Networking***

1:30–4:15 **Parallel discussion sessions Tools, resources and best practices:**

 **“We know how to do this”**

 Topics:

• Sharing best practices for accommodating employees with disabilities

 • Addressing unconscious bias and stereotypes at work and beyond.

 • Canadian Standard for Work Disability Management Systems.

 • School to Work Transitions

 • Business Case for Recruitment and Retention

• How do we advocate for stronger support to improve the level of employment for people with disabilities?

1:30-2:45 **Session I**

*2:45-3:00* ***Break***

# **Preliminary Conference Agenda (Continued)**

3:00-4:15 Session II

***4:15-6:00 Reception*** *Light Canapes and Cash Bar*

### **Thursday, December 5**

*8:00 – 8:45* ***Full breakfast***

8:45-9:00 **Welcome back; overview of Day 2**

9:00–9:30 **Update on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**

9:30 – 10:15 How will we know if we’re making progress?

10:15-10:30 Brief reports from Day 1 parallel sessions

10:30 –10:45 **Introduction to the parallel sessions on implementation**

*10:45-11:05 Break*

11:05–12:15 **Parallel sessions on strategy implementation**

*12:15-1:15* ***Lunch & Networking***

1:15-2:00 **Report back from the Day 2 parallel sessions**

2:00-2:30 **Proposal for the strategy implementation process**

2:30-3:00 **Table talk**: Taking into account the complexity of all this, how do we ensure real progress?

*3:00-3:15* ***Break***

3:15-4:00 Closing Plenary

4:00-4:30 Next steps and closing remarks