

## DISABILITY AND WORK IN CANADA

### Strategy-in-Action

Delta Ottawa City Centre – December 4 & 5, 2019

You are invited to [DWC2019 – Strategy-in-Action](#) 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.](#)"

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](#)". The objective was to foster broad consensus on the key elements of that strategy.

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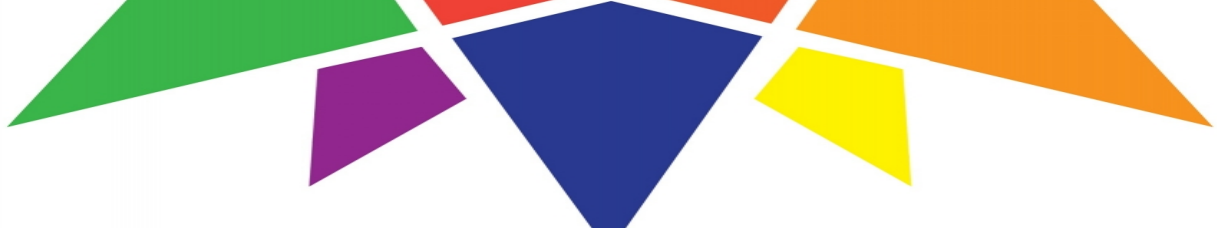
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**Preliminary Conference Agenda**

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