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Réseau en immigration francophone de la Saskatchewan
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2018 Settlement Summit in Saskatchewan

Regina, September 12th, 2018 – The *Réseau en immigration francophone de la Saskatchewan* (RIF-SK), along with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), will be holding a provincial summit on settlement on September 24th and 25th, 2018, at the University of Regina's *La Cité universitaire francophone*.

This summit follows on the announcement of the Action Plan for Official Languages 2018–2023, which proposes a vision of the future, new funding and specific measures to enhance the vitality of official-language minority communities.

The purpose of the summit is to communicate IRCC's vision for the Francophone integration pathway, to present and lay the groundwork for the implementation of the new Action Plan for Official Languages 2018–2023 initiatives in support of the Francophone integration pathway and, finally, to engage in discussions regarding support for the Francophone settlement sector.

The summit's agenda was set jointly by the RIF-SK's coordinator and IRCC. The Saskatchewan summit will therefore not only be a convenient opportunity to discuss settlement in the province, but also an opportunity to showcase the province in front of the 15-member IRCC delegation.

Indeed, RIF-SK's management committee made a number of suggestions to the agenda, including sectorial presentations, by the RIF-SK, on Francophone immigration issues in Saskatchewan, as well as a cocktail reception, organized with the support of the *Conseil culturel fransaskois* (CCF), to highlight the contribution made by immigration to the province.

For IRCC, the summit will be an opportunity to introduce the Welcoming Communities initiative, which will be rolled out over the next five years. This initiative will, among other things, contribute to strengthening RIF-SK by providing funding for a third full-time project officer position.

The Réseau en immigration francophone de la Saskatchewan (RIF-SK) is a provincial francophone roundtable. Its mandate is to facilitate the development of services and resources promoting the reception, retention and inclusion of Francophone immigrants in Saskatchewan. The RIF-SK does not provide direct service to newcomers, but works with community and government stakeholders to promote Francophone immigration in Saskatchewan.

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