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Launch of the 2020 National Francophone Immigration Week in Saskatchewan

Regina, October 30th, 2020 – The Saskatchewan Francophone Immigration Network (RIF-SK) unveils the program for the 8th edition of the National Francophone Immigration Week in the province.

Thirteen activities, as cultural as artistic will take place throughout the province, especially in Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Gravelbourg and Prince-Albert. Given the current global epidemic context, 7 activities will be held face-to-face in compliance with applicable sanitary measures and 6 online.

As the program responds to the theme "my Francophone color", chosen by the *Fédération des communautés francophones et acadienne* (FCFA) of Canada, 10 activities out of 13 will focus on celebrating diversity as well as on raising awareness about fighting racism and other forms of discrimination.

This year, various members of the community came together despite logistic constraints, resulting from the current epidemic context. Once again, they both showed their involvement and will of inclusion.

The National Francophone Immigration Week is an initiative whose goal is to raise awareness and promote Francophone immigration in Canada. Besides, aiming at celebrating diversity of Francophone living in minority communities, this initiative is coordinated by the RIFs in all the provinces of the country (except Quebec) and is made possible thanks to the financial support of the FCFA and *Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada* (IRCC).

Useful links:

- RIF-SK calendar of activities : <u>https://www.rif-sk.ca/calendrier</u>
- RIF-SK Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/RIFsask/
- FCFA national program: https://immigrationfrancophone.ca/fr/calendrier-evenements

The Francophone immigration network in Saskatchewan (RIF-SK) is a provincial Francophone round table. Its mandate is to facilitate the development of services and resources that foster the arrival, retention, and inclusion of Francophone immigrants in Saskatchewan. RIF-SK does not provide direct services to recent immigrants; instead, it works with community and government actors to promote Francophone immigration to Saskatchewan. It is administrated by the Assemblée communautaire fransaskoise (ACF).

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