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Third Meeting of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD) Toronto, Ontario

* All Canadian Municipalities and organisations interested in sharing good practices on the issues of racism and discrimination are cordially invited to attend.

Monday, May 31, 2010 | 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Toronto City Hall

100 Queen Street (West), Council Chambers, Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Meeting's objectives

The meeting will offer a unique platform for various local, regional and national stakeholders involved in planning/implementing policies and programmes to combat racism and discrimination to discuss, exchange and learn from one another.

The expected outcomes of the meeting are:

- Increased knowledge of challenges resulting from changing demographics as well as the socio-economic status and levels of equality in large, medium and small municipalities in Canada;
- Increased understanding of human rights and diversity policies, programs and practices;
- Unique networking opportunities for municipal staff and elected officials and partner organisations to address issues related to racism and discrimination.

What is Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD)?

The Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination is part of an international network of cities launched by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2004. It is a network of municipalities interested in sharing experiences and good practices on policies and programs to fight racism and discrimination. CMARD taps national, regional and local expertise of local governments, federal partners, police boards and civil society organizations. By taking action to combat racism and multiple forms of discrimination, municipalities contribute to achieving respectful, inclusive and safe societies where everyone has an equal opportunity to participate in the economic, social, cultural, recreational and political life of the municipality.

CMARD is supported by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies (CASHRA), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF), the National Association of Friendship Centres, the Human Rights Commissions in Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, the *Union des municipalités du Québec*, the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, the *Chaire de recherche en immigration, ethnicité et citoyenneté* and numerous local partners.

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DRAFT AGENDA

- 12:30 p.m.** **Registration, Lunch and Networking**
- 1:30 p.m.** **Welcome Remarks**
Councilor Pam McConnell, City of Toronto
- 1:40 p.m.** **“UNESCO and the International Coalition of Cities against Racism: The Big Picture”**
David A. Walden, Secretary General, Canadian Commission for UNESCO
- 2 p.m.** **“Canadian Municipalities Forging Ahead - Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination: Report of the 2010 survey”**
Dr. Lesley Jacobs, Director, Centre for Public Policy, York University
- 2:30 p.m.** **3 concurrent workshops**
- W/Shop 1: How to Implement a Plan of Action: Practical Case Studies & Tools
- W/Shop 2: Human Rights Case Law and Decisions: What Municipal Leaders Should Know
- W/Shop 3: Platform of Exchange of Best Practices: Municipal Impact
- 3:40 p.m.** **Health Break and Networking**
- 4:00 p.m.** **"The European Coalition of Cities Against Racism: Structure - Activities - Challenges"**
Dr. Hans Hesselmann, President of ECCAR
- 4:30 p.m.** **How Does the Coalition Work – Its Future Directions**
- 5:15 p.m.** **“Keep Hope Alive: Toronto’s Diversity and Human Rights Strategy”**
Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto
- “Work for All” film series : National Film Board of Canada**
- 5:45 p.m.** **Closing Remarks: Program Host Councilor Pam McConnell**
- 6:00 p.m.** **End of Meeting**