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PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF ESCQ

INCLUSIVE & COLLABORATIVE DEVELOPMENT STRESSED AT PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATION

At Minister Girard's pre-2023 Budget consultation on January 17, CEDEC encouraged the Government **to adopt an inclusive English-speaking Communities of Quebec (ESCQ) development approach**. This approach will enable the community to collaboratively mobilize and leverage all its provincial assets and advantages to address the continuing challenges of higher

We must promote economic recovery by collectively, vigorously tackling labour shortages and stimulating business productivity, while we continue to act to contend with possible pandemic-related jolts and offer help to the individuals and businesses that need it.

unemployment and poverty, and lower median income rates in the ESCQ. In particular, CEDEC's President and CEO, John Buck, emphasized the critical contribution collaborative economic and labour market development can make to addressing these issues.

Eric Girard
Minister of Finance and Minister
Responsible for Relations with
English-Speaking Quebecers

CEDEC CONGRATULATES RDÉE ON ECONOMIC AND LABOUR MARKET DEVELOPMENT WHITE PAPER



Left to right: Jean-Guy D. Bigeau, RDÉE President-General Manager, Johanne Lévesque, RDÉE New Brunswick Director, Michel Théroux, CEDEC.

On February 8, 2023, Michel Théroux represented CEDEC at the launch of the 2nd edition of the [Réseau de développement économique et d'employabilité's \(RDÉE\) Economic Development White Paper](#).

CEDEC is pleased to offer congratulations on the launch and the terrific work being done by its colleagues working with Francophones outside of Quebec.

The main recommendation of this White Paper is the implementation of a government plan dedicated to the economic Francophonie.

EmployESBC THANKS AFRO YOUTH SUMMIT FOR ONGOING SUPPORT & ENCOURAGEMENT



Left to right: Lindsay Hardwick, Zoé Luthi, Lens Celicus (kneeling), Ayana Monuma, Alicia-Ann Pauld, Bélinda Bah, John Davids (BCRC), Sterling Lambert (CEDEC).

John Davids, [BCRC Montreal](#)'s Research Coordinator and Sterling Lambert, one of CEDEC's Collaborative Economic Development Managers, were on-hand at the [Afro Youth Summit](#) in Quebec City, on January 28, 2023, to thank the Summit for its support of the EmployESBC Collaborative Economic Development Venture. John and Sterling also **provided a progress report** on Venture employment matching activities and some of the research it is undertaking to support these. In addition, several job seekers connected with John and Sterling to explore how EmployESBC could match them with available jobs in the Montreal region.

WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO GENERATE ECONOMIC AND LABOUR MARKET BENEFITS

CONNECTEZ-VOUS QUÉBEC - QUEBEC CONNECT TALENT MATCHING FEATURED IN QUEBEC CHRONICLE TELEGRAPH



Quebec City's innovative public, private and civil society Venture offering a customized program **to match English-language or bilingual talent with available jobs** from Quebec City employers, was featured in an article in the **Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph** on January 11, 2023. Hosted by Valcartier Military Family Centre's Future Occupation Reinvention Team (FORT) Program, **Connectez-vous Québec - Quebec Connect** is improving the participation of English speakers in Quebec City's regional labour market. For more information, please contact Dana Conrado at dana.conrado@crfmv.com.

EmployESBC WORKING HARD TO INCREASE BANK OF BLACK TALENT



Available jobs continue to outstrip available talent in Montreal's regional labour market. To help to address this issue, Isabelle JH, [EmployESBC](#) Recruitment Coordinator, attended **Concordia's Black Student Career Development event** on January 28, 2023, to promote how EmployESBC can match members of Montreal's Black Community with available jobs in the region. She met with several eager job seekers and as a result, added 20 new candidates to the EmployESBC available Black talent pool.

Photo: Isabelle JH, EmployESBC Recruitment Coordinator

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

EmployESBC TO SPOTLIGHT WORKING AT CIBC



On February 15, 2023, the [EmployESBC](#) Venture, will host its third **Employer Spotlight event**. This event will acquaint members of Montreal's English-Speaking Black Community (ESBC) with CIBC Talent Acquisition Partners and employment opportunities with the bank. Participants will have a chance to ask CIBC's representatives questions about what it's like to work at CIBC. To register for free, [click here](#).

SCORECARD TO TRACK ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS



As a founding member, CEDEC is pleased to announce that on March 7, 2023, [The Coalition for a Better Future](#) will launch "The Scorecard", a measurement framework that will

track Canada's economic, social, and environmental development according to international standards. The Scorecard will report on 21 metrics across 6 themes as Canada moves to achieve specific economic and social development targets by 2030. CEDEC will explore how the Scorecard can be used to inform and support its Collaborative Economic Development activities. To register for free, [click here](#).

CEDEC FEATURES

APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL INNOVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL, WITH MICHAEL TOYE AS CHAIR



CEDEC congratulates [Michael Toye](#), Executive Director of [Canadian Community Economic Development Network](#) (CCEDNet) and Board Member for CEDEC, on his appointment as first Chair of the Social Innovation Advisory Council (SIAC) February 1, 2023. The Advisory Council's seven members are leaders and experts from the social purpose, social innovation and social finance sectors, across Canada. SIAC is tasked with advancing the goals of the [Social Innovation and Social Finance Strategy](#) (SI/SF) which aims to provide better support for community organizations working to achieve positive solutions to persistent social problems, including those faced by marginalized populations.

"In my role as chair, I look forward to working with social innovation and social finance stakeholders from across Canada and with social purpose organizations who are building a future where everyone sees opportunities for themselves and for future generations." **Michael Toye, Chair of the Social Innovation Advisory Council**

UPCOMING STAKEHOLDERS' ACTIVITIES

CANADIAN RURAL REVITALIZATION FOUNDATION CONFERENCE

Moving In, Moving On, and Moving Up: Living Well in Rural Canada

The [Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation](#) (CRRF) Conference, hosted by the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy at the [University of Lethbridge](#), will take place between June 20th – 23rd 2023. The conference will explore what it

means to live well in rural places. To learn more about this conference, or to respond to the call for proposals, [click here](#).

ATTENTION WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS! StrikeUP CANADA IS BACK

[StrikeUP](#) Canada will host a free online conference, *Growing Forward, a digital conference for women entrepreneurs* on March 2, 2023. The online conference will feature keynote speakers, discussion panels, workshops, and chatrooms. It will also include networking possibilities and provide support resources designed to help women entrepreneurs navigate their entrepreneurial journey. Register for free [here](#).

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