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Creation of a new economic partner of excellence for Franco-Ontarians: the Fédération des gens d'affaires francophones de l'Ontario

Toronto, December 3, 2020— The Club canadien de Toronto is proud to be supported by the provincial government for the creation of a new economic network: the Fédération des gens d'affaires francophones de l'Ontario (FGA). With a generous grant of \$250,000 from the Ministry of Francophone Affairs, 10 organizations are working together to launch, as of January 1, 2021, the FGA's first programs and services to champion Franco-Ontarian businesses and organizations.

The Fédération des gens d'affaires francophones de l'Ontario, supported by highly recognized founding members, namely the Clarence-Rockland Chamber of Commerce, the Hawkesbury Chamber of Commerce, the Prescott-Russell Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce, the Timmins Chamber of Commerce and the Club canadien de Toronto, Entreprise Niagara/Ventures Niagara, the Regroupement Affaires Femmes (RAF), the Regroupement des gens d'affaires de la Capitale nationale (RGA) et the Société Économique de l'Ontario (SÉO), is positioning itself to become a respected and innovative business partner in expanding the development of the economic Francophonie across the province.

"By teaming up with solid partners, the Club canadien has wisely ensured that this Francophone economic network can count on the varied and complementary expertise of organizations working in several sectors and regions of our province," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs. *"Franco-Ontarian entrepreneurs and businesses will be able to work together through this network to strengthen Ontario's Francophone economic ecosystem."*

In a context of economic recovery in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is becoming essential to take even greater account of regional realities and to bring together our vital forces in the Francophone business community to make them shine.

"The Club canadien de Toronto is honoured by the confidence expressed by the MAFO in the Club through today's announcement. The Club would like to thank the Government of Ontario for its founding and structuring gesture, without which this Francophone economic network could not have been created." said Dominic Mailloux, President of the Club canadien de Toronto.

Created by and for Franco-Ontarians, the FGA places its members at the very heart of its action and structure to establish itself as the new trusted spokesperson for the large francophone business network and promotes its economic development.

In order to promote the economic value of Ontario's Francophonie, the FGA aspires to amplify existing synergies between local players and to strengthen ties between Francophone organizations and businesses in Ontario, across the country and internationally.

"As a group representing black women, the Regroupement Affaires Femmes (RAF) is proud to be among the founding members of the FGA. Almost 30% of black business people are women. This alliance will allow RAF to offer a greater range of support services relating to

entrepreneurship to more than 200 black Franco-Ontarian members and thus ensure their excellence and their contribution to the economic influence of the Francophone business network of the province. ” Explains Catia Céméus, president of the Regroupement Affaires Femmes.

Given the success of our local companies and the daring innovation they demonstrate, the potential of the Francophone economy to stimulate the growth of the province and the country is undeniable.

Support the FGA in its activities and mission: [join our mailing list](#) now to stay connected. And, as of January 1st, follow us on our social media!

Fédération des gens d'affaires francophones de l'Ontario FOUNDING MEMBERS



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About the Fédération des gens d'affaires francophones de l'Ontario

The Fédération des gens d'affaires francophones de l'Ontario brings together, represents and advances the social and economic interests of its members with the various levels of government, business partners and the general public through principled policy development, resourceful business services and innovative activities focused on the development of Francophone business markets.

About the Regroupement Affaires Femmes (RAF)

The RAF is a non-profit organization and the only intergenerational rally of its kind, created in 2006. Its mission is to promote the excellence and leadership of black girls and women in the Canadian Francophonie in several sectors of activity, including entrepreneurship. Our services are primarily offered in Ontario.

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