



**PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN
THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, CANADA
AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF FRANCOPHONE AFFAIRS
AND
THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA
AS REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR LA FRANCOPHONIE
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COLLABORATIVE RELATIONS**

I. PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES

RECOGNIZING the vitality and potential of the Francophone communities of Ontario and New Brunswick;

RECOGNIZING the common values of Ontario and New Brunswick, their strengths, challenges and their commitment to the ongoing development of their respective Francophone communities;

RECOGNIZING that the Francophonie constitutes a significant social, cultural and economic asset and an important lever for development, both nationally and internationally;

The Government of Ontario and the Government of New Brunswick (hereafter “the Participants”) declare their intention to strengthen their collaborative relationship and enter into the Partnership Arrangement that provides a framework for the pursuit of these common goals, and more specifically:

- A. To encourage and promote economic, educational and cultural exchanges within the framework of their common Francophonie;
- B. To share information and best practices to this end and as it relates to French language services; and

- C. To increase cooperation in the fields of research and higher education, economic and community development, arts and culture, digital and communications sectors, tourism, youth, education in French and any other field supporting the following objectives:
 - i. To support the vitality of the Acadian and Francophone communities of New Brunswick and Ontario;
 - ii. To develop structured collaborations that will help protect and promote Francophone culture and heritage; and
 - iii. To support the economic Francophonie by promoting networking for Francophone business owners, exploring new markets and through entrepreneurial innovation.

INSPIRED by the spirit of innovation, cooperation, strengthening ties and by the potential social and economic benefits, this statement:

CONFIRMS the commitment of the Participants to strengthen their relationship and to work together to identify concrete areas of collaboration that support their common vision.

II. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

In the spirit of mutual benefit, the Participants share the intent to collaborate in the following areas:

- a) Research and higher education
- b) Francophone economic development including community development and tourism
- c) French Language Services
- d) Arts and culture
- e) Youth and French language education Communications and digital technology

III. FORMS OF COLLABORATION & ACTIVITIES

The Participants have reached the following understanding to each carry out activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. The Participants endeavour to develop and facilitate mutual opportunities to exchange ideas as well as operational practices and processes. These exchanges may take on various forms, and could pertain to culture, education, tourism and the economy, thus creating a continuous dialogue and

- a better understanding of the diverse needs in Francophone communities, thereby helping to build provincial relations and cohesion.
2. The Participants endeavour to promote closer ties between organizations and research support programs in their respective jurisdictions, with a view to foster joint research projects and exchanges of researchers. Activities could aim to enhance the visibility of postsecondary educational institutions in Ontario and in New Brunswick that offer French language programming.
 3. Furthermore, the Participants endeavour to share and champion new and existing practices in support of Francophone youth, and the arts, culture, digital, and educational sectors and as it relates to French language services of each jurisdiction.
 4. Activities could include working towards bringing together artists, cultural organizations, producers, and broadcasters of their respective provinces, in the music, film, theater, digital arts, and design sectors. In the field of education, collaborative activities could be included to promote relations and exchanges between youth and youth support organizations.

IV. GENERAL MATTERS

No dedicated financial commitments are created by this Arrangement. The Participants intend to fund their own activities in accordance with their respective budgets and priorities.

This Arrangement is not a legally binding contract but rather a reflection of the intent of Ontario and New Brunswick to work together to advance mutually beneficial avenues of cooperation. It does not create any new, or modify any existing, legal, equitable, or financial rights, obligations, or liabilities for the Participants.

V. FINAL PROVISIONS

This Arrangement is not an enforceable contract or treaty and therefore does not provide the Participants or any third participants with any legal rights, nor does it incur legal commitments on the Participants or any third participants.

This Arrangement will come into effect from the date of signature below. It will remain effective for five years. Upon its expiration, unless otherwise notified by the Participants, the Arrangement shall automatically renew under the same terms and for the same duration. Either Participant may terminate this Arrangement upon providing 60 days' advance written notice to the other Participant.

This Arrangement is drafted in duplicate in French and English, each version being equally valid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective governments, have signed this Arrangement.

Signed at the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, on June 25, 2026.

(Original signed by)

(Original signed by)

Natalia Kusendova-Bashta
Minister of Francophone Affairs
Government of Ontario

Robert Gauvin
Minister responsible for La Francophonie
Government of New Brunswick

Date

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