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The MCCF at the Toronto Global Forum 2025

The Canadian Francophonie carries tremendous potential to support Canadian businesses in diversifying markets, which is essential to sustain economic development in Canada in the current context. To deliver this message to economic leaders, the Ministers' Council on the Canadian Francophonie (MCCF) hosted two activities today as part of the Toronto Global Forum.

To highlight the opportunities offered by the Francophonie, the MCCF organized a session on the importance of strengthening Canada-Africa partnerships to seize emerging business opportunities. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), nine of the twenty fastest-growing global economies in 2025 will be African. Growth is expected to reach 4.2% in sub-Saharan Africa, where several countries are French-speaking. French provides Canada with a competitive advantage to leverage across many regions of the continent. The African diaspora in Canada is ready to contribute to business development in several booming sectors.

The MCCF also held a private roundtable during which the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs and President of the Treasury Board in the Government of Ontario, and the Honourable Jean-Claude D'Amours, Minister of Postsecondary Education, Training and Labour, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Minister responsible for Immigration, Minister of Military Affairs, and Minister responsible for the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council, met with economic leaders. The ministers discussed with participants how Canada's membership in the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) and the Commonwealth can be leveraged to achieve market diversification.

For five years, the MCCF has been a partner of the Toronto Global Forum, held in Toronto, from October 15 to 17, 2025. This presence reflects the ministers' commitment to strengthening ties between Francophone stakeholders and international markets.

The MCCF wishes to thank the panellists: the Honourable Mona Fortier, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs; the Ambassador of the Republic of Congo and GAF (*Groupe des ambassadeurs francophones*) representative, H. E. Appolinaire Aya; Ms. Isabelle Doucet, Sherpa to the Premier of New Brunswick at the



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OIF; Mr. Matthew Davis, CEO of Renew Capital; as well as the moderator, Ms. Christiane Bergevin, President of Bergevin Capital.

The Ministers' Council on the Canadian Francophonie (MCCF), created in 1994, is an intergovernmental forum that brings together ministers responsible for Canadian Francophonie. The MCCF works for an inclusive and dynamic Francophonie that contributes to and fully participates in the development of Canadian society. Visit the website of the Ministers' Council on the Canadian Francophonie: www.cmfc-mccf.ca.

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