THE FUTURE OF THE CANADIAN COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION (CCMARD)

In the decade since CCMARD's inception, municipalities across Canada have become more and more diverse. Though awareness around the importance of anti-discrimination and antiracism work has gained visibility and great strides have been made in this fight, much remains to be done.

The texts in this chapter, written by individuals and partners of CCMARD, discuss the ways in which the Coalition can remain a driving force for societal reform. They share a common vision of municipalities at the forefront of the fight against racism and discrimination and desire to build their capacities. The contributors in this chapter also speak to the importance of having a coordinated, national initiative with the potential to bring together individuals and organizations working in different fields to find innovative and effective actions.

In order for municipalities to help create more inclusive communities through CCMARD, long-term commitment is required. They must commit to developing and implementing inclusion policies directed toward those in need while meaningfully engaging community allies and mobilizing local, provincial, and federal stakeholders to follow suit.

The future of CCMARD is promising. With creative planning, strengthened collaboration, and enhanced sharing, municipalities in CCMARD can not only help bring about systemic change, but act as inspiring models of inclusive institutions. Together, municipalities and CCMARD can make a Canada that is inclusive and equitable today, and for future generations.

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