



Joint statement between the Government of Ontario and the Government of New Brunswick

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 nationally and internationally;

The Government of Ontario and the Government of New Brunswick (hereafter “the partners”) **declare their intention to strengthen their cooperation**, and more specifically:

- I. To encourage and promote economic, political, educational and cultural exchanges within the framework of their common Francophonie;
- II. To share information and best practices with this in mind; and
- III. To increase cooperation in the fields of research and higher education, economic and community development, the municipal sector, arts and culture, the digital sector and communications, tourism, youth, French education and any other field supporting the following objectives:
 - A. To support the vitality of the Acadian and Francophone communities of New Brunswick and Ontario;
 - B. To develop structured partnerships that will help protect and promote Francophone culture and heritage; and
 - C. 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 partners to strengthen their relationship and to work together to identify concrete areas of collaboration that support their common vision, which could eventually lead to an official agreement.

This joint statement between the partners is signed simultaneously in Toronto and Fredericton on April 3, 2024, in French and English.

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