

Conference of Official Languages Champions

Thursday, November 20, 2025 / 10:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (EST)

AGENDA

10:00 Registration and networking

Online participants are asked to log in to the event as of 10:25 am.

10:30 Opening remarks

Brigitte Gibson, Chair of the Council of the Network of Official Languages Champions, Director General, Heritage Branch, Canadian Heritage

10:40 Keynote Address

Isabelle Mondou, Deputy Minister, Canadian Heritage, and Champion of the Official Languages Community in the Federal Public Service

11:00 Réimaginer nos communications et le bilinguisme à l'ère de la machine qui parle

Jérémie Séror, Full Professor, Research Chair in Technology-Mediated Language Learning and Artificial Intelligence, Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute, Faculty of Arts, University of Ottawa

12:00 Lunch, kiosks and networking

Visit the exhibition hall or explore online tools and resources.

1:15 Leadership in Artificial Intelligence for a More Bilingual Public Service

Panel moderated by **Gaveen Cadotte**, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Public Service Renewal, Privy Council Office

- Panelist: Vidya ShankarNarayan, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, People and Culture, Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat
- Panelist: Marc Brouillard, Chief Information Officer and Assistant Deputy Minister, Digital Services Branch, Public Services and Procurement Canada
- Panelist: Daniel Quan-Watson, Retired Deputy Minister and CEO, and now President of Convergence Positive Consulting

2:15 Strengthening official languages leadership

Activity moderated by **Pierre Leduc**, Assistant Commissioner, Policy and Communication, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages

3:10 Closing remarks

Brigitte Gibson, Chair of the Council of the Network of Official Languages Champions, Director General, Heritage Branch, Canadian Heritage