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HEADLINES



BEST PRACTICES FORUM ON OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The [Best Practices Forum on Official Languages](#)
From February 7 to 11 2022

Participate in the Forum

Visit the [event page](#) to learn more about the planned activities and how to participate in each activity.

Promoting the Forum within your institution

[Click here](#) to download an MS Teams background, a signature block graphic, and a Twitter-friendly image to help you promote the forum within your federal institution!

February 7

Virtual kiosks
From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (ET)

Federal institutions invite you to [visit their virtual kiosks](#)! The objective is to share tools, present projects, exchange best practices or network with other

members of the federal official languages community. It is also simply a great opportunity for all public servants interested in learning more about official languages.

You will be able to “walk” from kiosk to kiosk and meet with representatives of federal institutions by clicking on the MS Teams links posted in the virtual kiosks.

Come and meet some of our team members at our kiosk and take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions about our tools, resources, and initiatives.

February 8

Official Languages in Evolution From 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (ET)

Canadian Heritage has invited public service executives to discuss recent changes in the evolving official languages environment.

Speakers will share their thoughts on this context and address a range of official languages issues, such as diversity and inclusion in the Canadian public service, the Clerk of the Privy Council's call to action on anti-racism, equity and inclusion, and the role that young public servants will play in official languages.

[Please click here to register.](#)

February 9

Showcase of best practices

Book some time in your schedule to **[discover the best practices](#)** we received from federal institutions this year! Learn and take inspiration from a collection of videos, new resources and tools.

NEW - Virtual workshops

New to the Forum, this year federal institutions are offering workshops on various official languages initiatives, challenges, and proven practices. Sessions are drop-in style and do not require registration. Your punctuality is appreciated!

[See the complete schedule of workshops here.](#)

February 10

Language training in the federal public service From 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (ET)

The Treasury Board Secretariat, in collaboration with the Canada School of Public Service, is organizing a discussion on the topic of language training.

If you are interested in improving, maintaining or acquiring new skills in your second language, this event is not to be missed. Whether you are in the National Capital Region or another region in Canada, our panelists will introduce you to different language learning mechanisms and approaches that have been implemented in federal institutions and regions across the country.

Come and participate in this enriching discussion with our expert panelists who will share tips, lessons learned and even anecdotes about learning and practicing a second language in the workplace.

[Please click here to register.](#)

February 11

Virtual kiosks

From 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (ET)

Kiosks are back! Make sure to **[visit the ones you missed!](#)**

Do not hesitate to contact the organizing committee at **OLCEInformationCELO@tbs-sct.gc.ca** if you have any questions.

Tabling of the Annual Report on Official Languages 2019–2020

While the Government is committed to introducing a bill to modernize the *Official Languages Act* (the Act), we are pleased to share with you the link to the **[Annual Report on Official Languages 2019-20](#)**, tabled before Parliament on December 16, 2021.

This report reflects the assessment of the governance and delivery of official languages programs within federal institutions and focuses on Parts IV (Communications with and Services to the Public), V (Language of Work) and VI (Participation of English-speaking and French-speaking Canadians) of the Act.

As official languages champions and persons responsible for official languages, you have a key role to play to ensure that official languages are an integral part of how your institution serves and communicates with Canadians across the country and abroad, promotes a work environment conducive to the use of both official languages and ensures a fair representation of both official language communities in its ranks. It

is important that the institutions subject to the Act ensure that official languages remain at the heart of decisions and their implementation, for example, when communicating with the public in urgent situations such as the current pandemic, when they are launching programs, or when they enter into service agreements with third parties.

We hope that the content of this report will support you in the management of the Official Languages Program within your institution. The tabling of this report is an opportunity to engage your Deputy Head and senior management to review the performance of your institution.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at OLReview-BilanLO@tbs-sct.gc.ca if you have any questions regarding the report.

CALL TO ACTION

Last call for input on the Directive on the Implementation of the Official Languages Regulations

We are offering a final opportunity for all federal institutions or their person responsible for official languages to provide input on the Directive on the Implementation of the Official Languages (*Communications with and Services to the Public*) Regulations.

Your comments are essential to our success in developing, revising, and implementing the new Directive. To access the current consultation document, click [here](#).

We kindly ask all input to be submitted in either English or French by February 11, 2022.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at:
info-ollo@tbs-sct.gc.ca.

**Call out for best practices:
Official languages related signature block add-ons**

In the spirit of the Forum, we are seeking your best signature block add-ons related to official languages!

We probably all see this line, or something closely related, every day in our communications with colleagues and clients:

*Please do not hesitate to reply in the official language of your choice. /
N'hésitez pas à répondre dans la langue officielle de votre choix.*

How do you or your institution inform colleagues and clients that you are bilingual or offer a bilingual service? How do you demonstrate that you or one of your employees are actively learning a second official language?

Is it a GIF? An image? A phrase? We want to know!

Send us your examples at OLCEInformationCELO@tbs-sct.gc.ca and we will create and share a bank of signature block add-ons that can be accessible to and used by all federal public servants. We look forward to seeing your best practices!

COMMUNITY

**Bootcamp on Official Languages™ and Information Session for
Official Languages Champions**

March 22, 2022 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. marks the final *Bootcamp on Official Languages* for official languages champions.

This bilingual session aims to provide champions with a clear understanding of their role, as well as that of organizations who play a key role in official languages. The program includes brief presentations from TBS, Canadian Heritage and the Council of the Network of Official Languages Champions followed by a short training session on official languages moderated by Diane Desaulniers.

To register, please [fill out this form](#) before **March 18, 2022**.

Bootcamp on Official Languages™ for persons responsible for official languages (PROL)

If you are interested in participating in the Bootcamp on Official Languages for persons responsible for official languages, we invite you to write to us at OLCEInformationCELO@tbs-sct.gc.ca while indicating your preferred session date:

French: March 16, 2022

English: March 23, 2022

Spaces are limited and priority seating will be granted to new PROLs in federal institutions. If your institution has already benefited from this training, you may be placed on a waiting list.

Thank you to all that have participated in this training and offered us feedback to help us improve the delivery along the way!

Do not hesitate to reach out to our team at OLCEInformationCELO@tbs-sct.gc.ca should you have any questions about these sessions.

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