

## CCUNESCO IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CANADIAN COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION (CCMARD)

The Canadian Commission for UNESCO (CCUNESCO) is recruiting new members for the two-year pilot project of an Advisory Committee for the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination.

The Advisory Committee for the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD) would advise CCUNESCO on ways to reinforce the network locally, regionally and nationally while increasing its overall visibility. It would advise CCUNESCO on the overall direction of CCMARD. Other areas of action could include:

- review CCMARD progress with a view of identifying strengths and gaps that need to be addressed in order to maximize the network's effectiveness;
- identify issues of interest for signatory municipalities and suggest ways to address them (e.g. a research paper, a webinar, a toolkit, an awareness-raising campaign, etc.)
- reflect on "emerging" issues such as online bullying, racial and discriminatory hate, reconciliation, special needs of and discrimination towards LGBTQ2 community, etc.;
- advise CCUNESCO on the implementation of the Recommendations adopted by the Steering Committee of the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities;
- identify linkages with related initiatives and developments, such as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, and the role of cities in Reconciliation;
- provide insights/recommendations on CCMARD governance structure;
- assist CCUNESCO in identifying partnership opportunities across Canada on CCMARD-related matters and maximizing CCMARD presence at local, regional and national events;
- recommend representatives to attend international events organized by UNESCO in the context of the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities when necessary;
- propose initiatives to celebrate the ***International Day to Eliminate Racial Discrimination***;
- present its annual report to CCUNESCO's Executive Committee at its Annual General Meeting.

### **Membership**

Members of the Advisory Committee will include:

- Representatives from CCMARD signatory municipalities;
- Representatives from CCMARD partner organisations.

### **Duration of the mandate**

Members of the Advisory Committee will be appointed for a term of 2 years (the duration of the pilot project) starting in May 2017.

### **Frequency of meetings**

The Advisory Committee will hold one (1) face-to-face meeting a year (travel and accommodation costs will be covered by CCUNESCO).

Short virtual or teleconference meetings are also expected to advance on some issues when required.

Members of the committee may be invited to represent CCMARD at regional, national or international events.

**Who can apply?**

- CCMARD signatory municipalities' elected-officials or staff
- CCMARD partner organisations staff.

**How to apply?**

If interested, please submit your application form (attached) along with your résumé to [kelsey.beauvais@unesco.ca](mailto:kelsey.beauvais@unesco.ca) **before March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**For more information on the Committee**

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