

MESSAGE FROM QUEBEC'S MINISTER OF EDUCATION, RECREATION AND SPORTS

The Pan-Canadian Interactive Literacy Forum, organized by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), is a unique opportunity to share successful experiences in preventing illiteracy and in helping adults to enhance and retain basic skills, two key thrusts in the fight against poverty and social exclusion.

The use of information and communication technologies for this event leverages its potential to create linkages and foster partnerships across the country, while offering each jurisdiction a chance to reflect on new and exciting ways to increase the impact of our actions on learner clientele.

In Quebec, for example, the results of the forum sessions will help partners in adult literacy to continue working together on joint issues in order to better meet adults' needs.

This forum is both a showcase for our successes and an opportunity to focus on our challenges, in the spirit of sharing and commitment evidenced by Quebec's theme of "Vision, Innovation, Participation."

I take this opportunity to salute all those who are working together to provide citizens across the country with the tools they need to participate fully in our society, our economy, and our culture.

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