**National Conference on Disability and Work in Canada**

**December 4-5, 2018**

Delta Ottawa City Centre

**Goal of the disability and work initiative**

To develop a vision and strategy for increasing the employment of people with disabilities that will inform and guide the efforts of governments, employers and other stakeholders.

**Goals of the conference**

1. To obtain feedback on the draft strategy.
2. To foster broad consensus on the key elements of the strategy.
3. To inform plans for the path forward and subsequent consultations.

**Agenda**

**Day 1: Tuesday December 4th**

8:30 Registration

9:00-9:30 Welcome and overview of the conference

Indigenous prayer

Vignette: A personal story

9:30-10:15 Overview of draft strategy document

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:30 Plenary panel: Provincial strategies on disability and work

11:30-12:10 Table talk on the vision and pillars

12:10-12:15 Preview of the afternoon

12:15-1:00 Lunch

Vignette: A personal story

Guest speaker

1:00-1:15 Break

1:15-2:30 Parallel discussion sessions I

1) Lived experience, 2) Employers, 3) Service providers

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-4:00 Parallel discussion sessions II

1. Unions, 2) Federal-provincial interface

4:00-4:15 Break

4:15-5:00 Brief reports from sessions

5:00-6:30 Down time

6:30-9:00 Reception

**Day 2: Wednesday December 5th**

8:15 Breakfast

8:45-9:00 Welcome back and overview of the day

Vignette: A personal story

9:00-10:15 Monitoring and evaluation

10:15-11:00 Mental health and the workplace

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:15 Small business and disability

12:15-1:00 Lunch

Vignette: A personal story

Guest speaker

1:00-2:30 Small group discussions on draft strategy

2:30-3:00 Break

3:00-4:00 Reports back from the group discussions

4:00-4:30 Next steps and closing remarks