



**Joint Statement between
the Ministry of Francophone Affairs of the Province of Ontario and
the Office of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie of the Province of
Nova Scotia**

RECOGNIZING the vitality and potential of the Acadian and Francophone communities of Ontario and Nova Scotia;

RECOGNIZING the common values of Ontario and Nova Scotia, their strengths, challenges and their commitment to the ongoing development of their respective Acadian and Francophone communities;

RECOGNIZING that the Francophonie constitutes a significant social, cultural and economic asset and an important lever for development nationally and internationally;

The Government of Ontario and the Government of Nova Scotia (hereafter "the partners") **declare their intention to strengthen their cooperation**, and more specifically:

- i. To encourage and promote economic, public policy, educational and cultural exchanges within the framework of their common Francophonie.
- ii. To share information and best practices with this in mind; and
- iii. To increase cooperation in the fields of education, postsecondary education, culture, and economic development of Acadian and Francophone communities.

INSPIRED by the spirit of innovation, cooperation, strengthening ties and by the potential social and economic benefits, this statement:

CONFIRMS the commitment of the partners to strengthen their relationship and to work together to identify concrete areas of collaboration that support their common vision, which could eventually lead to an official agreement.

This joint statement between the partners is signed simultaneously in Toronto and Halifax on September 2, 2025, in French and English.

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