

Ministre de la Diversité, de l'Inclusion et des personnes en situation de handicap

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Hello,

As the Minister of Diversity, Inclusion, and Persons with Disabilities, I am proud to celebrate the remarkable achievements of the Canadian Association for Black Health and Safety Professionals (CABHSP). Our Government recognizes the important work of the CABHSP in advocating for the health and safety of all workers, regardless of their race, religion, gender identity, ability or age.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish CABHSP a happy Black History Month! The theme for Black History Month this year is "Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; A Future to Build." I am also proud to share that although the UN Decade for People of African Decent is set to end this year in 2024, we know that when it comes to building a better more inclusive future for Black Canadians there is more work to be done. That is why Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that Canada will be extending the decade domestically, an additional four years until 2028.

I am profoundly appreciative of the dedication shown by the CABHSP towards the reintegration of Black and racialized workers experiencing mental heath disabilities into the workforce, as well as your focus on promoting inclusivity in communities and workplaces. My gratitude also goes to the volunteers who help to connect persons with disabilities to great resources that help them to make invaluable contributions.

To the CABHSP, congratulations on your accomplishments to date and good luck with your future endeavours!

I am also wishing you the very best for your launch and graduation ceremony!

The Honourable Kamal Khera, P.C., M.P.



