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Minister Paradis to Address International Development Community

The Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC) and Canadian Association of International Development Professionals (CAIDP) are pleased to announce that the Honorable Christian Paradis, Minister of International Development and Minister for La Francophonie, has accepted their invitation to address representatives of Canadian civil society organizations and other professionals working in international development.

“CCIC and CAIDP welcome this opportunity to engage in conversation with the Minister, and are encouraged by the interest he has demonstrated in reaching out to a diversity of stakeholders” said Pamela Branch, Member of the CAIDP Board.

The Minister will be speaking on the importance of partnerships for development effectiveness at a conference CCIC and CAIDP are jointly hosting May 13-15, in Ottawa. The conference, “Redefining Development Partnerships: A new Role for Canadians in Global Equality and Cooperation”, will bring together development practitioners, key officials from DFATD, policy makers, and academics from both Canada and abroad.

“Minister Paradis has organized a number of roundtables on key topics of interest for the sector since he came to office last summer, and has recently met with the CCIC Board of Directors and reiterated his commitment to partnering in an inclusive manner with all development stakeholders”, said Julia Sanchez, President-CEO of CCIC.

The conference is the first time CCIC and CAIDP are partnering to co-produce their annual events. The event includes other high profile speakers and moderators from Canada and the Global South, such as the Rt. Hon. Joe Clark who will be delivering a keynote speech. A public event, moderated by Don Martin of CTV and co-hosted with the University of Ottawa, will also take place on May 13th.

Notes:

-Christian Paradis was first elected to the House of Commons in 2006 and re-elected in 2008 and 2011. In July 2013, Mr. Paradis was appointed Minister of International Development and Minister for La Francophonie. Previously, he was appointed Secretary of State (Agriculture) in January 2007, Minister of Public Works and Government Services in June 2008, and Minister of Natural Resources in January 2010. He was appointed Minister of Industry and Minister of State (Agriculture) in May 2011. Prior to his election to Parliament, Mr. Paradis had a legal practice specializing in corporate law.

-The Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC) is a coalition of Canadian voluntary sector organizations working globally to achieve sustainable human development since 1968.

-Canadian Association of International Development Professionals (CAIDP) is a non-profit voluntary association founded in 1993 to provide a voice for Canadians working professionally in international development.

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