

# AN OVERVIEW: 'CANADA'S ANTI-RACISM STRATEGY 2019-2022'

In June 2019, the Government of Canada announced its new National Anti-Racism Strategy following a series of 22 in-person forums with community organizations and the public, including a forum organized by Colour of Poverty-Colour of Change (COP-COC) in January 2019.

The strategy report for "**Building a Foundation for Change: Canada's Anti-Racism Strategy 2019-2022**," while highlighting \$45 million of various existing, redirected, and new federal funding under the banner of anti-racism, fails to specifically outline the strategy's concrete timelines, actions, and goals.

## PROPOSED RESOURCE ALLOCATION



- New Anti-Racism Secretariat with a "Whole-of-Government Approach" to drive the strategy, lead institutions to identify/coordinate/develop initiatives, identify gaps, and "consider the impacts of new and existing policies, services and programs on communities and Indigenous Peoples"
- Public reports on the Whole-of-Government outcomes addressing racism and discrimination.



- New Anti-Racism Action Program for local, regional, and national initiatives and outcomes-based activities to reduce barriers in EMPLOYMENT, SPORTS/ARTS/CULTURE, and JUSTICE
- Additional funding to existing Community Support, Multiculturalism, Anti-Racism Initiatives (CSMARI) for increased community capacity building projects.



- "National Public Education and Awareness Campaign based on regional and demographic needs" to increase public knowledge and awareness of "historical roots of racism and its different impacts on Indigenous Peoples."
- Commitment to educate/create awareness of the effects of colonialism and residential school system.



- **\$5 MILLION** of Anti-Racism Action Program to support "community-led digital and civic literacy programming to address online disinformation and hate speech" + **\$0.9 MILLION** to Public Safety Canada to develop a national framework and guidelines to respond to hate crimes and hate speech



- Increase reliable, usable and comparable data and evidence regarding racism and discrimination including enhancing collection of disaggregated data.

COP-COC is committed to ensuring the vision for a robust and impactful national Anti-Racism Strategy shared by Indigenous communities, peoples of colour, and local grassroots organizations across Canada is implemented and that it reflects the recommendations that have been provided to the government through community forums. Between October 2019 - March 2020, COP-COC will be holding strategy sessions with community partners across Ontario to identify ways to ensure that the federal government strengthens its national Anti-Racism Strategy with specific goals, legislation, and a framework in line with recommendations for concrete action.