

For the last 25 years, Les Rendez-vous de la francophonie has taken an inclusive and dynamic approach to celebrating the Francophonie throughout Canada.

From ocean to ocean, the month of March will showcase French in a multitude of activities organized for Francophones and Francophiles.

As the Québec's government ministre responsable de la francophonie canadienne, I encourage you to take part in these gatherings and to take pride in the language that unites us. You all have a contribution to make, thanks to your passion for the French language, which you all uphold in your various communities.

Whether Francophones or Francophiles, we can all be glad that Les Rendez-vous de la francophonie creates stronger ties between Francophone and Acadian communities throughout Canada. It is a great pleasure to be associated with an inspiring, productive event such as this!

I can assure you of Québec's support for closer ties between communities, and 2020 promises to be a significant year. Next June, Québec will host the Sommet sur le rapprochement des francophonies canadiennes. The Summit will offer a golden opportunity to build a consensus to ensure that la francophonie and the French language have an even higher profile in Canada.

The discussions at the Summit will also provide input for the Québec government's upcoming policy on the Canadian Francophonie.

I wish you a happy Francophonie month as you enjoy this inspiring, colourful celebration!