

**JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | 8:30AM – 4:00PM**

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Tasha Kheiriddin, *Global News*

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**President's Address**

Rónán Ó Domhnaill, *IALC Chair*

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Host's Welcome

Paul Dubé, *Ombudsman of Ontario*

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Opening Keynote Speaker

Perry Bellegarde, *National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations*

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Plenary Panel: Minority Language Protection within government \*

Honourable Minister Mélanie Joly, *Minister of Tourism, Official Languages and La Francophonie, CANADA [TBC]*

M. Mano Ganesan, *Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs, SRI LANKA [TBC]*

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Group Session A: Indigenous Language Preservation,  
Global Perspectives

Professor Rawinia Higgins, *Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori) and Chairperson of the Māori Language Commission*

Kirsi Pimiä, *Non-Discrimination Ombudsman, Finland*

Pamela Palmater, *Chair in Indigenous Governance, Ryerson University*

Professor Candace Kaleimamoowahinekapu Galla Ph.D., *University of British Columbia*

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## Group Session B: Effective Representation of Linguistic Minorities through Independent Institutions

Raymond Th  berge, *Official Languages Commissioner of Canada*

Lorant Vincze, President, *Federal Union of European Nationalities*

Lora Vidovic, *Croatian Ombudswoman*

Aled Roberts, *Welsh Language Commissioner*

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## Group Session C: Linguistic Duality in Canada, Challenges and Perspectives

The Honourable Senator Ren   Cormier, *Senate of Canada*

William Floch, *Assistant Secretary, Secretariat for relations with English-speaking Quebecers*

Ma  tre Roger Lepage

Professor St  phanie Chouinard, *Queen's University*

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## Group Session D: Respecting Linguistic Diversity: Limits and Opportunities in Multilingual Societies

Dr. Mpho Monareng, *Chief Executive Officer of the Pan South African Language Board*

Slaviša Mladenovi  , *Language Commissioner of Kosovo*

Professor Fran  ois Grin, University of Geneva, *Project Lead at Mobility and Inclusion in Multilingual Europe (MIME)*

Shannon Gullberg, *Official Languages Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, Canada*

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## Group Session E: Setting European Standards for Minority Language Protection, Successes, Challenges and Best Practices

Vesna Crnic-Grotic, *Chair, Committee of Experts of the CRML*

Davyth Hicks, *Secretary General, European Language Equality Network*

Dr. Tove Hansen Malloy, *European Centre for Minority Issues*

Sabrina Rasom, *Vice Chair at the Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity*

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## Group Session F: The Future of Minority Language Preservation, Technology

Professor S. Sandirasegaran, *Chairperson of the Official Languages Commission of Sri Lanka*

Professor Diane Gerin-Lajoie, *Centre de Recherche en Education Franco-Ontarienne (CREFO/OISE)*

Evelyn Papatsi Kublu-Hill, *National Inuit Language Coordinator, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami*

Ellen-Rose Kambel, *Rutu Foundation for Intercultural Multilingual Education*

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## Closing Keynote Address

Fernand de Varennes, *United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues*

*Language commissioners Protecting Minority Rights*

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## Evening Cocktail, in partnership with the Office of the Language Commissioner of the Northwest Territories

Introduction by Shannon Gullberg, *Official Languages Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, Canada*

Keynote Address: The Honourable Jackson Lafferty, *Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories*

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Presentation of the IALC Collective book

Dr. Eleri James and Dr. Hermann Amon

*Presentation of the Collective book [Title TBC] published and released for this conference*

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Group Session A: Accountability and Designing Legislative Frameworks

Anne Chaplin, *Senior General Counsel, Department of Justice, Canada*

Hugues Beaulieu, *Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages for New Brunswick*

Professor Paul Thomas, *University of Manitoba, Department of Political Science*

Bart Weekers, *Flemish Ombudsman*

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Group Session B: The Founding Principles and  
Successful Investigations

Nora Farrell, *Ombudsperson, Ryerson University*

Colm Ó Coisdealbha, *Director of the Office of the Language Commissioner of Ireland*

Martin Cyr Hicks, *Investigator and Researcher at the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada*

Manuel Lezuerta, *Basque Country Ombudsman*

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**Plenary Keynote Address**

Deputy Minister Mr. Yiong Cong-ziin, *Hakka Affairs Council, TAIWAN*

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### Group Session C: Speaking for Vulnerable Populations, Impartiality, Integration, Consultation and Mediation

Loretta Ross, *Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba*

Slaviša Mladenović, *Language Commissioner of Kosovo*

Shannon Gullberg, *Language Commissioner of the Northwest Territories*

Rafael Ribó, *Catalan Ombudsman*

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### Group Session D: Institutional Variations, Ombudsmen, Language Commissioners and Commissions

Professor Robert Dunbar, *Celtic and Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh*

Professor Linda C. Reif, *Faculty of Law, University of Alberta*

Lowri W. Williams, *Office of the Welsh Language Commissioner*

Hermann Amon, *Research and Performance Analyst, Office of the French Language Services Commissioner*

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### Plenary Keynote Address

Rafael Ribo, *Catalan Ombudsman*

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### Plenary Panel: The IALC and the Future of Linguistic Rights Worldwide, a conference summary

Meri Huws, *former Welsh Language Commissioner*

Graham Fraser, *former Official Languages Commissioner of Canada*

Seán Ó Cuirreáin, *former Irish Language Commissioner*

Pär Stenbäck, *former Foreign Minister of Finland; President of the European Cultural Parliament*

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## Plenary Closing Keynote Address

The Right Honourable Richard Wagner, P.C., *Chief Justice of Canada*

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## Closing Words

Paul Dubé, *Ombudsman of Ontario*