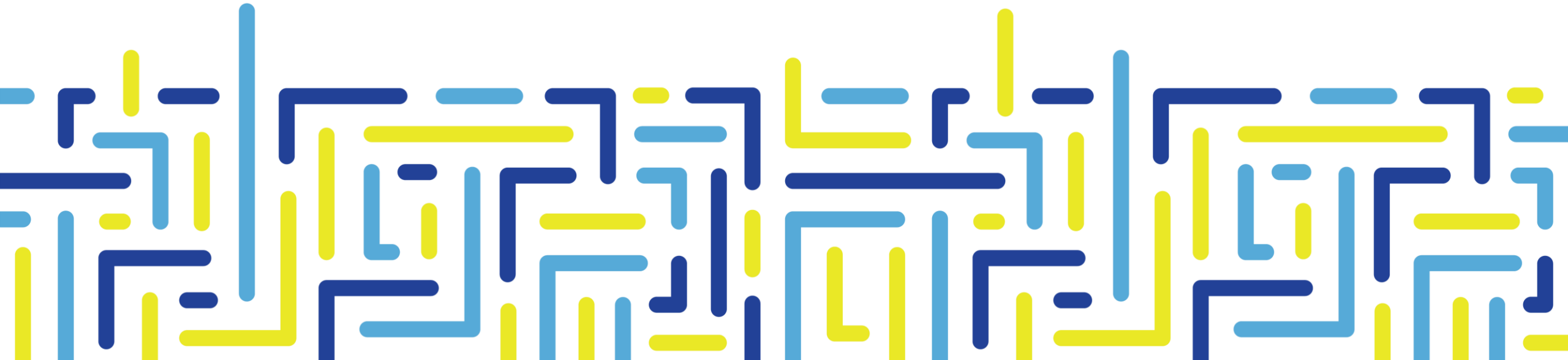




Accessibility Standards Canada

2022 Annual Public Meeting

Our Mandate to Collaborate



We Have a Mandate to Collaborate

- ❑ Our mandate under the [Accessible Canada Act](#) (Act) is to help achieve a Canada without barriers by January 1, 2040

- ❑ To achieve our mandate, we need to work with others, including:
 1. Diverse disability communities – to practice “Nothing without us”
 2. Other federal organizations – to work together to implement the Act
 3. Provinces and territories – to coordinate accessibility efforts.



Diverse Disability Communities (1/2)

- ❑ “Nothing without us” guides our work. We value the expertise of people with disabilities
 - We held our first Annual Public Meeting in 2021
 - We held our first public consultation in 2020 to inform our priorities until 2022
 - We held two youth events in 2022 to inform our research and standards.



Diverse Disability Communities (2/2)

- ❑ Approximately a quarter of our staff self-identify as having a disability
- ❑ About half of the members of our technical committees are experts with lived experience
- ❑ We continue to meet with diverse disability stakeholder organizations across the country.
 - We have reached out to national Indigenous organizations to encourage organizations and individuals to apply for our research funding and technical committees.



Other Federal Organizations

- ❑ We work with other federal departments and agencies to implement the Act
- ❑ There are several federal organizations that have roles to play under the Act
 - Chief Accessibility Officer
 - Accessibility Commissioner at the Canadian Human Rights Commission
 - Accessible Canada Directorate at Employment and Social Development Canada
 - Canadian Transportation Agency
 - Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission



Provinces and Territories (1/3)

- ❑ Provinces and territories also have accessibility mandates and work underway
- ❑ We want to harmonize standards across Canada by
 - Building relationships
 - Signing agreements to formalize our relationships
 - Encouraging provinces and territories to adopt our standards



Provinces and Territories (2/3)

- ❑ These agreements seek to optimize individual and collective efforts. We have agreements with
 - British Columbia Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
 - British Columbia Ministry of Attorney General and Responsible for Housing
 - Saskatchewan Ministry of Social Services
- ❑ Harmonization helps reduce “patchwork” approaches to accessibility.

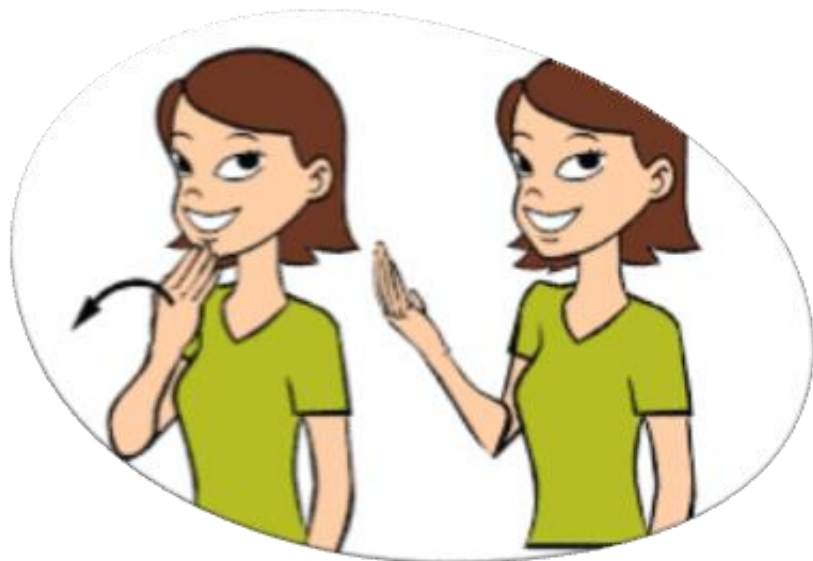


Provinces and Territories (3/3)

- ❑ Advantages for governments include:
 - Improved capacity;
 - Lower costs;
 - More credibility;
 - Access to research;
 - Faster pace; and
 - Harmonization is better for business.

- ❑ Advantage for people with disabilities? A consistent experience of accessibility from coast-to-coast-to-coast





Thank you!

Questions

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