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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Announcement: CAHRC and NCI AF Sign MOU to Advance Reconciliation, Collaboration and Advancement of Indigenous Agriculture

Ottawa, November 3, 2025 - The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) is thrilled to unveil a funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) to advance the National Women in Agriculture and Agri-Food Network Project. This exciting initiative is poised to drive significant progress in supporting and promoting women's leadership in the Canadian agricultural sector.

CAHRC and the NCI AF are strategically aligned to support the Canadian agriculture and agri-food industry through cross-promotion and mutual support.

The objective of this agreement is to foster collaboration between CAHRC and NCI AF through cross-promotion of research, products, tools, resources and events, as well as research activities. The strategic alignment formalizes:

- Support to advance reconciliation and building bridges between Indigenous communities and other agriculture and food industry stakeholders;
- Support to a community of partners to support Indigenous Peoples and reignite their role in agriculture and food through knowledge sharing and supporting business creation, while honouring Indigenous values, lands and Mother Earth.
- Support the development of Indigenous agriculture and food businesses, and;
- Support the building of Indigenous capacity for agriculture through awareness of opportunities, knowledge exchange, education and skills development.

“This partnership represents an important step forward in reconciliation and collaboration within Canada’s agriculture and food sectors,” said Kallie Wood, President and CEO of the NCI AF. “By working together with CAHRC, we are creating pathways that honour Indigenous knowledge systems and strengthen opportunities for Indigenous Peoples to thrive in agriculture. Through shared learning, respect, and mutual support, we can build a more inclusive and sustainable future for all who contribute to our nation’s food systems.”

“This agreement strengthens our commitment to partnering with Indigenous communities and agriculture stakeholders to advance agriculture and food production,” said Jennifer Wright, Executive Director of CAHRC. “Together, we’re supporting knowledge sharing, skills development, and community-led initiatives that amplify Indigenous agriculture opportunities and foster sustainable growth.”

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About CAHRC: The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) is a national, non-profit organization focused on addressing human resource issues and workforce development for agricultural businesses across Canada. CAHRC's members and partners are national and provincial primary production organizations, representing multiple commodity groups, agri-business and stakeholders.

CAHRC's mission is to develop industry-led solutions to support workforce development and HR management needs of agriculture.

About National Circle for Indigenous Agriculture and Food (NCIAF): The National Circle for Indigenous Agriculture and Food (NCIAF) is an Indigenous-led, non-profit organization, that leads with purpose and is committed to advancing reconciliation within the agriculture industry while fostering a national dialogue on Indigenous agriculture. NCIAF's mission is to support and advocate for the growth and sustainability of Indigenous agriculture and food ways, ensuring the health and prosperity of Indigenous Peoples and their communities.