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# **CMPAC Conference Success & Outcomes**

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# 2025

## Conference

# STRENGTHENING SOLIDARITY ACROSS THE CHARITY SECTOR



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9AM - 6PM

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### ABOUT CMPAC

The Canadian Muslim Public Affairs Council (CMPAC) fights structural Islamophobia by mobilizing communities, engaging decision makers, and influencing public policy. CMPAC is a non-profit organization that works through community engagement, advocacy, and political lobbying.

### ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE

This event will bring together charity representatives, academics, and government stakeholders to address systemic challenges in the charity sector and to discuss actionable strategies for fostering greater collaboration and advocacy. Your participation and insights will be crucial as we work together toward positive change for all charities in Canada.

Dear CMPAC Community,

We are happy to share the success of **CMPAC's recent conference, *Strengthening Solidarity Across the Charity Sector***, held on February 24 at the University of Ottawa's Human Rights Research & Education Centre. This important event brought together leaders from the charity sector, academics, and government officials all in one room to discuss systemic challenges affecting charitable organizations in Canada, particularly Muslim-led charities.

The conference served as a crucial forum for exploring the evolving challenges facing Canada's charitable and nonprofit sector, and specifically the Muslim-led charities. Over

the course of multiple panels, leaders, experts, and advocates engaged in discussions that underscored the sector's collective role in advocating for reform and human rights. Key themes that emerged included systemic bias in the CRA, regulatory challenges, financial constraints due to de-risking and debanking, increasing politicization of CRA audits, and the urgent need for greater solidarity and collaboration across organizations and sectors.

These were the strategic priorities coming out of the conference:

1. **Strengthening Advocacy:** Organizations need to collectively influence policy changes supportive of the nonprofit sector through strategic messaging and active engagement with policymakers.
2. **Enhancing Solidarity and Collaboration:** There is a recognized need for increased unity among organizations to effectively tackle policy threats and funding challenges, enhancing the sector's collective voice through cross-sector alliances.
3. **Building Crisis Response Capacity:** In light of a volatile political climate, nonprofits must develop mechanisms to swiftly address threats to their operational stability and funding.
4. **Developing Public Awareness Campaigns:** Efforts should focus on educating the public about the nonprofit sector's value, clarifying its role, and showcasing its contributions to society.
5. **Reimagining Civic Engagement and Leadership:** Advocacy should be inclusive and representative, promoting leadership from diverse groups and involving those impacted by systemic barriers in policy discussions.

This conference was a testament to the power of unity and the collective action needed to drive meaningful change. We look forward to continuing this important work and invite you to stay engaged in shaping the future of Canada's nonprofit landscape.

CMPAC will continue to advocate for these critical issues, and we encourage our community to stay engaged. Follow us on social media, support our initiatives, and join us in shaping a more equitable future for the nonprofit sector.

Thank you for your continued support!



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