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Alberta Human Rights Commission to host national human rights conference

The Alberta Human Rights Commission is hosting the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies (CASHRA), June 13 to 15, 2011, in Calgary, Alberta. CASHRA is the national association of Canada's statutory agencies charged with administering federal, provincial and territorial human rights legislation.

The conference theme is *Human Rights in Canada: New Realities, New Directions*. Conference sessions will focus on new realities related to human rights, diversity and inclusion, and new directions in building discrimination-free, welcoming and inclusive communities and workplaces.

“Our conference goal is to provide a strong learning experience that focuses on sharing knowledge and expertise across jurisdictions and sectors,” said D. Blair Mason, Chief of the Alberta Human Rights Commission. “It will help equip participants with the knowledge and tools to move forward to build communities and workplaces that foster equality.”

The conference is expected to attract as many as 250 participants from across Canada, including [employees and members of human rights communities as well as lawyers in the human rights field](#). Individuals and organizations representing a wide variety of communities, including cultural groups, the Aboriginal community, persons with disabilities and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community are also encouraged to attend the conference.

The conference website launches today—December 10—to coincide with International Human Rights Day. Conference registration is scheduled to be available in mid-January. For more information visit: www.cashra2011.ca

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