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Statement from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to all Canadians taking part in the 40th World Religious Conference (WRC).

Supported by contributions from many faith communities that thrive in Canada, and organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at of Canada, WRC is Canada's largest and longest running multi-faith event which aims to strengthen the bonds between our many religious, and non-religious communities through meaningful and respectful discussions, spiritual presentations and social interactions.



The theme for this year's conference, *Combating Racism*, will aim to address the root causes of racism, and suggest ways to make our society to respect all and combat racism. Indeed, WRC has enriched our society by promoting peace, understanding, and tolerance. While we have made progress toward a more just and equal society, we recognize that more still needs to be done. All Canadians need to stand up against racism, discrimination, and xenophobia, whenever, and wherever they occur. It is because of the hard work of organizations, like the WRC, that we will be able to build a fairer, more inclusive, and better Canada for everyone.

This past year and half, we faced significant challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizers of the 40th World Religious Conference for continuing with their efforts in promoting peace, understanding, and tolerance in Canada.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable virtual conference!

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