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Volunteer Opportunity

Women's Mentorship Program Speakers

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Location: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Start Date: April – May 2019

Duration: One, 1-hour presentation

Language Requirement: English

The Project

The Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF Canada)'s flagship Women's Mentorship Program (WMP) is an annual, month-long professional development training program for women managers of financial co-operatives from developing countries in Africa and Asia. This program empowers women by improving their managerial skills and building their self-confidence, a skill particularly vital for women working in cultures traditionally dominated by males. Since its inception in 2002, WMP has trained 239 women from 21 countries with 200+ Canadian credit unions hosting and mentoring to program participants.

About the Assignment

CDF Canada is looking for female leaders to share their success stories with female Credit Union Managers from countries around the world. Your story could speak to enhancing the participants' knowledge of Canadian working women, overcoming challenges in the workplace, achieving work/life balance, and personal and professional successes. You can also choose to include how your organization supports and promotes gender equality, and the result this culture has had on its workforce.

Activities and Deliverables

Applicants should have experience speaking about the challenges faced as a woman in business, how you have overcome barriers, and what you have achieved. As your audience will be from financial co-operatives across the world, working in the Credit Union sector will be an asset.

In your application, please reference the following:

- Your experience as a speaker;
- Your proposed topic and its relevance to the program;
- Your experience working in the financial services sector, if any;
- Your experience with small businesses, especially agricultural or seasonal, if any; and
- Your knowledge of developing country challenges, especially those experienced by women.

Additional Information

Speaking engagements are generally 60 minutes in length, including Q & A. Speakers who are selected will be contacted by a CDF Canada representative to coordinate a mutually-acceptable speaking date and time.

The Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF Canada)

The Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF Canada) is an international development organization that helps improve the lives of women, men, children and their communities through co-operatives. We envision a world where self-reliant communities flourish. CDF Canada is working with local partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America and in Eastern Europe to establish and grow community-owned co-operatives. that help people achieve more prosperous, self-reliant lives. CDF and the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA) amalgamated in 2017 under the CDF Canada brand. For more information about CDF Canada, visit www.cdfcanada.coop

Engaging Canadians

We ask each volunteer, regardless of placement duration, to share her/his experience during and/or upon completion of their assignment. This may be done through providing human interest stories and photographs that can be used for social media outreach; participating in organized talks at universities or other public engagement activities, etc. CDF Canada provides technical and logistical support to assist volunteers to share their experiences and motivate others.

*For any questions related to this assignment and to apply, please submit a resume and letter of intent by **March 31, 2019** to mentoring@cdfcanada.coop*