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# President's Message

I am pleased to address you for the first time as president since my election in October 2020. I have been on the ADRIC Board as a director representing ADRBC (as the Affiliate President) since 2014 and look forward to serving our members, affiliates, and ADR users in the advancement of our work as a Federation.

As we all know, experience, and feel, these are challenging and unprecedented times which present dispute resolution leaders with both opportunities and responsibilities. ADR practitioners, and particularly those who form the ADR system, can be one of the building blocks of a brighter future framed by ADRIC's core values of accountability, collaboration, excellence, integrity, and leadership.

In our relentless pursuit to stay on the leading edge of ADR best practices in Canada and the world, ADRIC will continue to be focused on understanding and addressing the needs of our members and users by both collaboratively working with our Regional Affiliates and engaging our membership in meaningful initiatives.

ADRIC will work shoulder to shoulder with our Affiliates in the support of our members both in the practice of ADR through training and information, as well as in the promotion of ADR to potential users, which, in turn, will generate new and expanded professional opportunities for our members.

Developing broader and better benefits and services for our members and clients is one of our key goals. To this end, amongst other initiatives, ADRIC is both building an improved technology platform to best serve our members and promote ADR users' access to the services provided by members, and, at the same time, increasing its efforts in promoting our members, our designations and our services to Business and Government.

Faithful to our core values, supporting young and recently trained practitioners, as well as promoting access to our profession by minorities, is not only a necessary step in ADRIC's commitment to diversity and inclusion, but also, an investment in our profession's



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health, vigour, and future.

In the pursuit of these goals, diversity and inclusion will continue to be ADRIC's North Star. A key element here is the development, in partnership with our Affiliates, of professional support systems that foster new and potential ADR practitioners' access not only to training, but also to professional opportunities, setting them up for success in the ADR field.

As the leading dispute resolution organization in Canada, ADRIC will continue to increase and protect the value of your investment in your membership and designations. We are delighted to have your support and engagement.

I am honoured with the opportunity to serve you. Feel free to reach out to me with your feedback and challenges ([eltonsimoes@adric.ca](mailto:eltonsimoes@adric.ca) <https://www.linkedin.com/in/eltonsimoes/>). I am always eager to connect.

Here's to 2021; health and prosperity. 🌍

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