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Bulletin #: A2023-09
Date: October 11, 2023
To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer; Board of Directors, Staff
From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Canada Soccer Taking Expressions of Interest for IDEA Conference Panel

Canada Soccer's Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Conference is being planned, and in preparation for the multi-day virtual event, Canada Soccer is taking expressions of interest for panel discussions from community soccer leaders.

Between now and October 25, Canada Soccer wants to hear from Club leaders who have "implemented a strategy, program, or process that has increased opportunity, access, and inclusivity in [their Club]," as described in a statement from the governing body.

The main objective of the IDEA Conference is to amplify the work being done in the spaces of inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility, showcasing real-life success stories from soccer organizations that uphold and promote these values. Topics of discussion at the IDEA virtual Conference will include women and girls in soccer, LGBTQ+ inclusion, all-abilities soccer, anti-racism, and New to Canada participants in soccer.

If you are a soccer leader that endorses thoughtful and progressive IDEA practices, and you are open to participating in a panel discussion at the IDEA Conference, [send your information to Canada Soccer via the online form](#) before by **October 25**.

The conference will take place online over a series of dates in late 2023 to early 2024.

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