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**OVER NINETY INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS TO GATHER IN MONTREAL
FOR A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE, JUNE 10-29**

Montréal, QC — Equitas, Canada's oldest and most active human rights education organization, will kick off its 39th annual International Human Rights Training Program (IH RTP) on June 10, 2018. Human rights leaders from 52 countries around the world will gather in Montréal to learn new skills to become more effective in their work on issues such as women's rights, refugee rights, LGBTQI+ rights, rights for persons living with disabilities, indigenous rights and more. Keynote plenaries and participatory workshops will highlight human rights education practices addressing today's most pressing challenges worldwide. Sessions will revolve around the role of human rights education in the process of social change, global spheres of influence, and social change at the community level.

What: 39th annual International Human Rights Training Program (IH RTP)

Who: 91 human rights defenders from 52 countries
Special guests such as Elena Ippoliti, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Julie Miville-Dechêne, The Ministère of International Relations and La Francophonie

When: June 10-29, 2018

Where: John Abbott College (21275 rue Lakeshore, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue)

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About the IH RTP

The IH RTP is a world leading training program on human rights education that is held in Montreal, Canada every June. The program is innovative in its participatory approach that puts the participant at the center of their learning experience. Our methodology is recognized in Canada and around the world for its quality and innovation. The program has trained over 3,700 human rights defenders since 1980. The IH RTP is undertaken in part with the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through Global Affairs Canada. The participants are hosted and trained at John Abbott College in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue. For more information, visit www.equitas.org/training/international-human-rights-training-program

About Equitas

Based in Montreal, Equitas is Canada's oldest and most active human rights education organization. We work for the advancement of equality, social justice and respect for human dignity through transformative education programs. In the last 50 years, we have reached over 2 million people worldwide. 2017 marks the 50th Anniversary of Equitas. For more information, visit www.equitas.org