

## PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Wed, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 – 8:00am - Registration  
9:00am - Opening Remarks, Christian Horizons Chief Executive Officer Ed Sider  
9:20am - Wignottos  
9:40am - City of Ottawa Welcome  
10:00am - Break & Networking  
10:30am - Key note address: Dr. Kurtis Kitagawa, Conference Board of Canada  
12:00pm - Lunch & Networking  
1:15pm - Plenary session, Heiderose Maass, Diakonie Stellen, Germany  
2:15 - Break & Networking  
2:45pm - Breakout sessions \*(subject to change)
- Causeway 'Crackers Catering'
  - ILE: Vocational Learning Center?
  - Porsche & Mercedes: The German experience
  - IJSP
  - **Groupes Convex: Reach your mission to better markets, your business.**
- 4:00pm - End of Day One

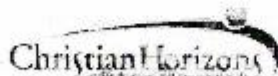
### Thu, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30am - 10:00 Registration  
10:00 - Opening remarks, Jan at Nular, District FO, East District  
10:10 - Plenary session, Sean W. Ishina, CEO Avalon Employment  
11:00 am - Break & Networking  
11:30am - Breakout sessions \*  
12:00pm - Lunch & Networking  
1:15pm - Breakout sessions \*  
2:15pm - Plenary session, Caroline Arcand, Executive Director of Groupe Convex  
2:30pm - Wrap up / Closing Remarks: Allan Mills, Christian Horizons Vice President of Ontario Operations

Caroline Arcand, Executive Director, Groupe Convex  
Caroline Arcand is the Executive Director of Groupe Convex, which is a network of social enterprises employing primarily people presenting serious employment barriers due to their intellectual disability. Formerly the Communication Director for the Services for Children and Adults of Prescott-Russell, she still offers her services as trainer for the Valor Institute. She possesses a Bachelor of Arts; a degree in Group Dynamics as well as in Social Communications from the Ottawa and St-Paul University, a 1<sup>st</sup> cycle degree in Human Resources Management as well as a Business Administration Certificate from the Québec University. She also studied in Specialized Education.

"This is not only a matter of honoring the fundamental human dignity of persons with disabilities; it is also an important part of how employers can gain access to talented people who are ready, willing, and able to contribute".

- Dr. Kurtis Kitagawa



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