



Monthly Update to Alliance Federation Members

December 8, 2021



**Digital Research
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Welcome

Nizar Ladak, Chief Executive Officer



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Agenda

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks
2. Strategic Plan & National Service Delivery Model
3. Transition Year Budget 2022-23
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5. Discussion
6. Next Steps

Strategic Plan & National Service Delivery Model

Ghilaine Roquet

VP Strategy & Planning



Strategic Plan 2022-25

- ▶ **October – December 2021:** Prioritization and ranking of the Strategic Initiatives with our Researcher Council
- ▶ **October 2021 – January 2022:** Operational data collection and planning is underway to develop a combined roadmap to advance Canada's DRI strategy.
 - ▶ The roadmap will integrate the major initiatives outlined in the Strategic Plan with the infrastructure renewal needs identified by Regions and Host sites. These will be reflected in the Alliance's Corporate plan for 2022-2023.
- ▶ **December 2021:** Our public facing Strategic Plan document has been submitted for approval by our Board of Directors and then will be published and circulated.

Operational & Strategic Planning

- ▶ **RDM:** Collaborative work is underway between the Alliance RDM Team and the Strategic Initiatives team to ensure alignment between current operations and strategic initiatives.
- ▶ **ARC:** Information sharing has started between the Council of CTO's and the Strategic Initiatives team ensure alignment between current operations and strategic initiatives. Additional engagement with the National Team Leads will be scheduled in the coming months.
- ▶ **RS:** Analysis has started to capture current operational support for RS to align with the DRI Strategy and a RS Service Working Group will be formed in 2022.

National Service Delivery Model

The National Service Delivery Model outlines a collection of activities, processes, roles & responsibilities and methodologies focused on how we will develop, design and deliver DRI Services while maintaining a researcher-centric approach.

We will have a proposal for ISED on implementation by **April 30, 2022.**

In collaboration with the Federation preliminary work has started to:

- ▶ define and develop a criteria for National, Regional & Local service delivery
- ▶ create an evidence-based framework to identify eligible costs for match across ARC, RDM and RS Services within Canada

Transition Year Budget 2022-23

Narinder Dehal

VP Corporate Services & CFO



Budget 2022-23

- ▶ Multiple iterations over the summer to try to establish new funding model based upon National, Regional, Local services
- ▶ None worked. October 7 – face to face gathering of ISED, Alliance, Host Sites reps, CCF CEOs to break the log jam
- ▶ It was agreed by all that FY'23 would be a transition year vs. trying to force the future state without enough information
- ▶ Decided to use CFI eligibility and match criteria
- ▶ \$35M funding proposal developed for submission to ISED with the goal of not impacting current staffing or service levels.
- ▶ ISED feedback expected in January 2022



Transition Update

Brock Kahanyshyn
VP Operations & Security



Announcements

- Patrick Mann will be taking on the role of Director of Operations
- Ahmad Javed will be taking on the role of Cybersecurity Business Analyst
- Jean Roberth Souza (JR) will be taking on the role of Operations Coordinator for our CFI Grants Administration practice

As we look to start the transition of the NSC chair and cybersecurity oversight to the Alliance, we would like to thank **Jeff Gardiner** for his dedication in supporting the Alliance and the Federation, and his expertise and leadership in helping the Alliance reach this milestone. Jeff's efforts are greatly appreciated!

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Transition Plan

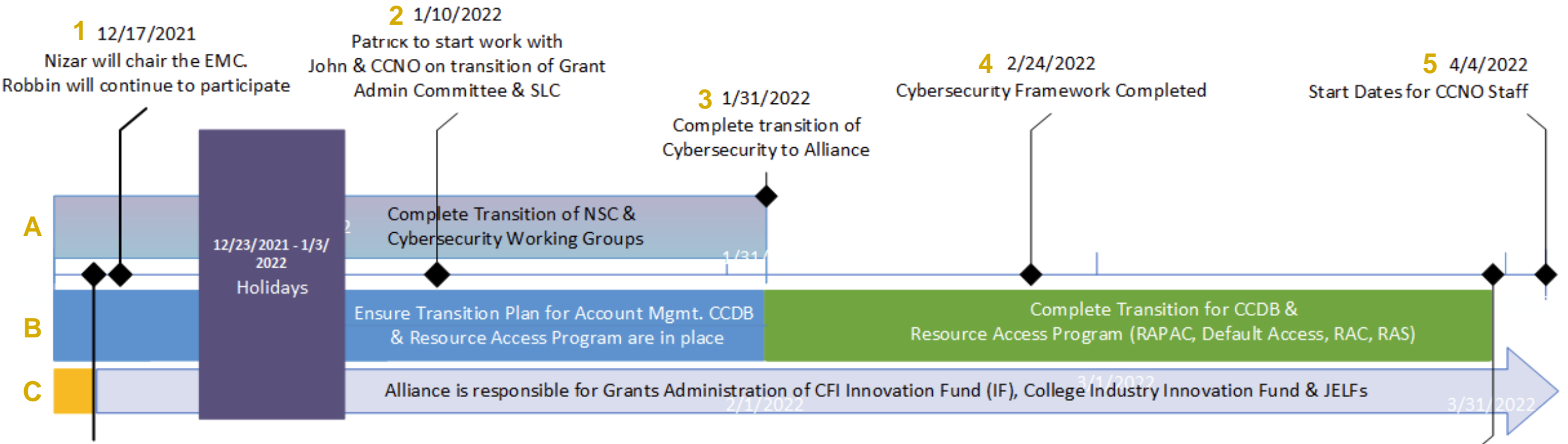
- ▶ Our plan for April 1, 2022 is to transition everything as it is, as much as possible.
- ▶ Provincial & Regional relationships & governance are currently being worked through.
- ▶ All members of the Federation will remain employees with their current employers.
- ▶ All services currently offered by the Federation will continue to be delivered and supported.
- ▶ The current 35 national teams will remain in place.

Transition Activities

- ▶ Existing Compute Canada Federation committees will remain.
- ▶ Job Offers have been provided to CCNO staff who support services being transitioned (e.g., CCDB and MIT teams).
- ▶ Alliance is fully participating with the current 2022 Resource Allocation Competitions (RAC) process and initiating prep for RAC 2023.
- ▶ Alliance is actively engaged in the CFI Awards Grants Administration process.

Key Transition Timelines

From 12/12/2021 to 4/4/2022



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- Start Dates: Patrick, Ahmad & JR's first day with the Alliance
- Brock will chair CoCTOs
- Patrick continues to chair TLC
- Change Advisory Board (CAB) align to Alliance
- Alliance responsible for all Grant Administration
- Masood will chair NSC. The Alliance to oversee Cybersecurity responsibilities including MTAP. Jeff Gardiner to stay on in an advisory capacity until the end-of January to help support the transition of cybersecurity responsibilities to the Alliance.

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- Complete Transition of CCDB & Resource Access Program
- Complete Transition of Science Leadership Council
- In working with the Regions & CCNO, complete the transition of both Google Workspace and Slack environments
- Cybersecurity Framework to be submitted to the Alliance Board & ISED



Discussion

Next steps

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