Federation Staff (HQP) FAQ

What will stay the same during the transition?

- All HQP will remain employees of their institution
- The current 35 Federation National Teams will remain in place to support coordination and delivery of National Services
- Existing Compute Canada Federation Committees will remain in place with adjustments to integrate NDRIO team

What will change during the transition?

The current funding model will change as the CFI funding for our DRI ecosystem will end on the 31st of March 2022. NDRIO will assume funding responsibility starting the 1st of April 2022. As well, the current Compute Canada Federation Committee structure will be adjusted: Effective the 1st of April 2022:

The current Compute Canada Federation Committee structures (examples: CoCTO, EMC, TLC, etc.) will remain in place with adjustments to integrate NDRIO teammates on or before April 1st, 2021.

- Nizar Ladak will Chair EMC; and expand the membership to include Ghilaine Roquet & Brock Kahanyshyn
- Brock / NDRIO Director of Operations will Chair the Council of CTOs (CoCTOs)
- Brock / NDRIO Director of Operations will Chair the Technological Leadership Council (TLC)
- Roy Chartier will Chair a new IT Architecture Committee
- Masood Akhtar will Chair the National Security Council
- Brock Kahanyshyn will chair the Cybersecurity Advisory Committee
- Narinder Dehal will Chair the Finance Committee
- Julie Cafley will participate in the rotating Chair position in the Communicators working group
- There will be a new Investment Committee formed to support NDRIO's role in being a funding provider in the DRI ecosystem.

What will happen on and after 1st of April 2022?

- All HQP will remain employees of their institutions
- HQP, defined as part of National Hosting Services, will be funded up to a certain amount by NDRIO through Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and agreed-upon commitments
- HQP, defined as part of National Services (including Cybersecurity), will be funded up to a certain amount by NDRIO through SLAs and agreed-upon commitments.

What will happen to the 35 National Teams?

Starting April 2022, the Host Sites, Regions and NDRIO will work together towards harmonizing the National Teams with an expanded focus on Advanced Research Computing (ARC), Research Data Management (RDM), Research Software (RS) and with the governance structure that will emerge from the implementation of the National Service Delivery Model.

What will happen to the services delivered by the Compute Canada Corporate office (CCC)?

Effective on or before 1st April 2022, Brock will assume oversight of CCC services and related staff that support CCC services, including the CCDB, the RAC process, MIT staff, as well as CCC employees that are part of the National Analytics Team, will become NDRIO employees or secondments.

Will NDRIO take over the current collaboration tools that are essential to the CCF: Google accounts, Slack, DNS, etc.?

Yes, as part of the transition, NDRIO will take over from Compute Canada Corporate the various collaborative tools. NDRIO and Compute Canada Corporate are working on transitioning the ownership of these tools. The NDRIO transition team will reach out to users of these systems to ensure service continuity.

The National Service Delivery Model (NSDM) won't be finalized before 1st of April 2022 - what is the transition expected to look like?

The current plan for the 1st of April 2022, is to transition operations as-is, as much as possible, ensuring no interruption of services. NDRIO and Compute Canada Corporate are currently working together on our transition plan. Our path to the new service delivery model will be a longer-term transition.

What happens if NDRIO's future funding proposal to the Federal Government (ISED) is approved?

If NDRIO's future funding proposal is approved, up to \$60M + match of capital funding could become available to be allocated towards both strategic objectives and operational initiatives that would support progression of the Government of Canada's DRI Strategy and NDRIO's DRI Strategic roadmap.

If you have any additional questions or would like clarification on any of the responses in this FAQ, please contact us at communications@engagedri.ca.