

# NDRIO

New Digital  
Research Infrastructure  
Organization

# NOIRN

Nouvelle organisation  
d'infrastructure de  
recherche numérique

**Canada's DRI Federation  
Staff Members (HQP) Town Hall  
July 21, 2021**



# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

# Agenda

1. Town Hall Survey Responses
2. Transition
3. Engagement Opportunities
4. Branding Update
5. How to stay connected

# TOWN HALL SURVEY RESPONSES

# YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT TO US



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We have organized the responses from the **4-question survey** during the last Town Hall on June 16th and have **started to organize the information into preliminary themes.**

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We just sent out these results, so please take some time to review the summary. **Please let us know if we captured the conversation correctly** and what adjustments are needed.

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Please know that **every input we receive is being considered.** Just because you may not see an output / action from it does not mean it is not being heard.

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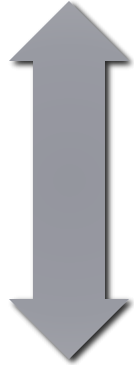
**Keep sending your feedback, suggestions, concerns and ideas:** your input is valuable and needed as we continue to design and build the future state of DRI.

# SURVEY RESPONSES – NEXT STEP'S

1. Send initial summary out to the federation staff members to review and provide any feedback. (How should we collect and incorporate feedback?)
2. Validate and update the survey response summary from the feedback that we received.
3. Establish a short-term action plan and evaluate impact on longer term planning based on responses.
4. NDRIO, The Regions & National Host Site Leads will establish a mechanism for collecting your ideas, feedback and suggestions and we will meet about this in the next 2-4 weeks.

# TRANSITION

Minimize disruption  
of services to the  
Research Community



Retain our current  
Federation Members  
(HQP)

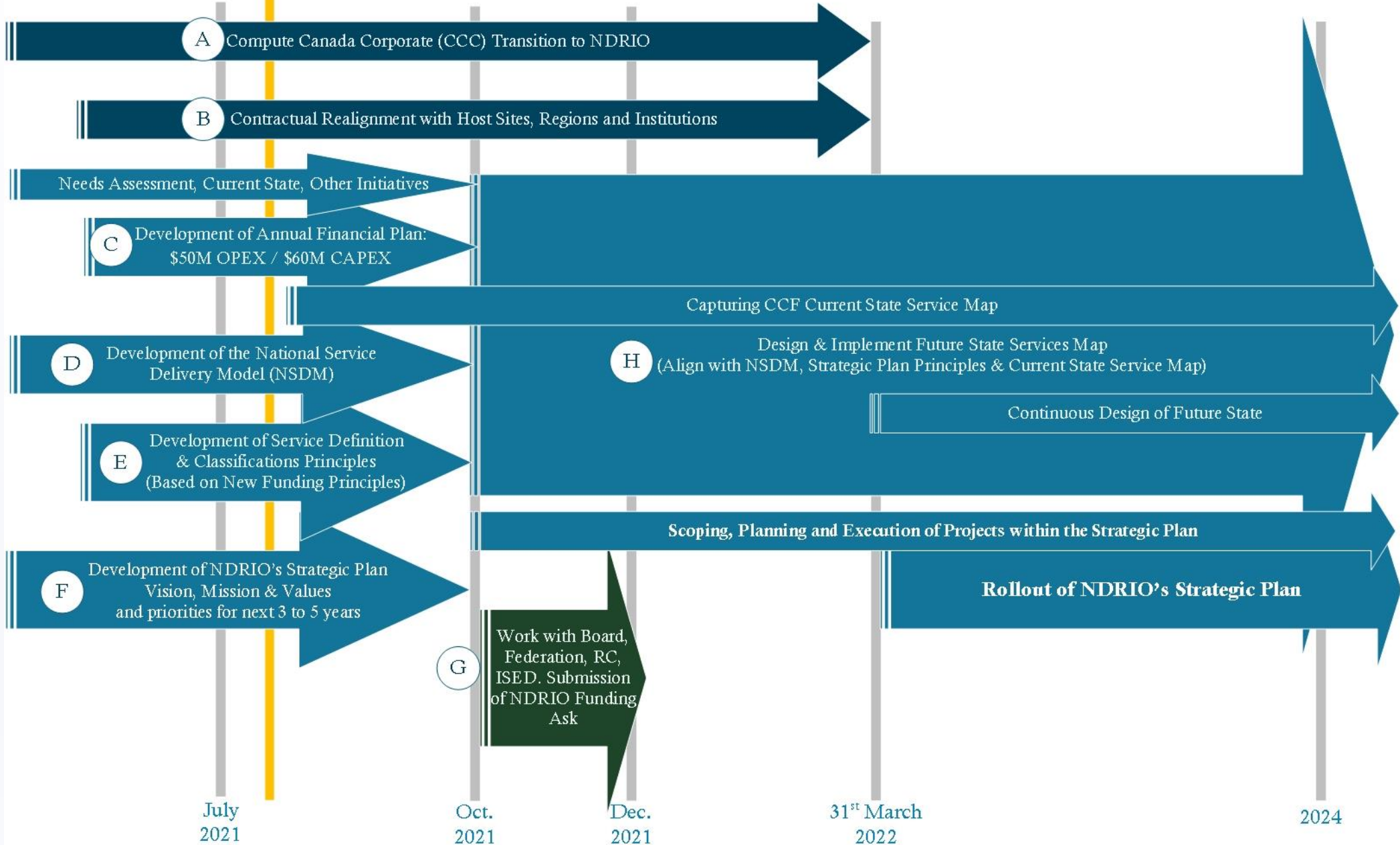
## TRANSITION OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- We want to have a smooth transition of the processes and services that are currently being led and coordinated through Compute Canada.
- Once transitioned, we will look for opportunities to improve processes and services when and where it makes sense.



# DRI Ecosystem Timeline of Activities

We are here

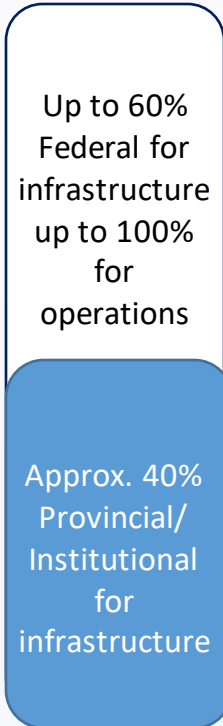


DRI Ecosystem Timeline

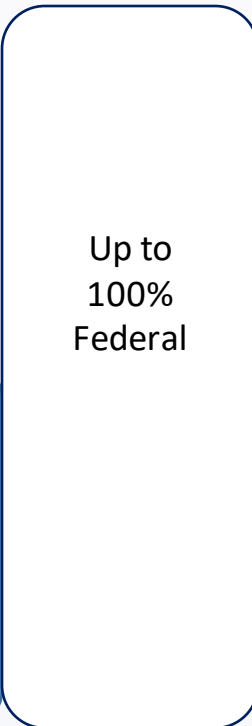
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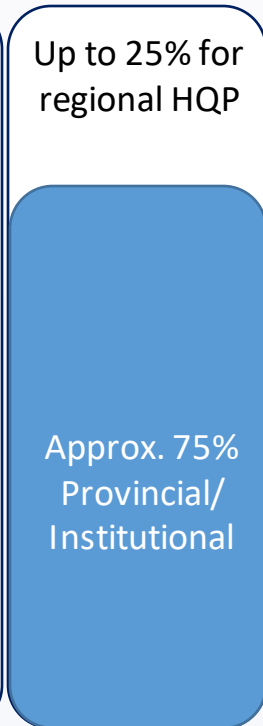
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Infrastructure  
+ Operations



National  
Integrated  
Services



Direct Service  
to  
Researchers

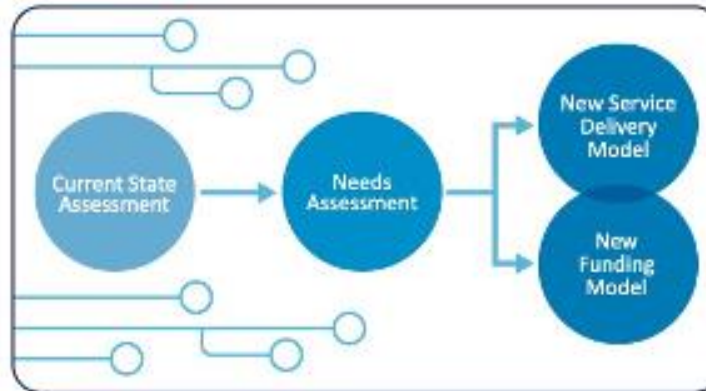


2020-21

National & Regional Working Groups



Strategic Planning Process



2021-22



NDRIO: up to \$60M Infrastructure  
up to \$50M Operations

National Service Delivery Model



2022-24

# SERVICE DEFINITION & CLASSIFICATION

Definitions of national, regional and local services are being discussed currently through working groups, including the following funding guidelines:

- a) National systems funded **up to** 100% by NDRIO through service agreements
- b) Federation members (HQP) will be funded using flexible mechanisms that will be identified in our current funding discussions (i.e., **service agreements, secondments, etc.**)
- c) Federation staff members (HQP) will **remain employees of their institutions** providing support to researchers accessing DRI services

## NATIONAL

Researchers across Canada have access to a consistent and equitable level of ARC resources, regardless of where they are located or the size of their university. It also supports the delivery of coordinated services and maximizes the efficient deployment of resources. Lastly, it plays an important leadership role on behalf of Canada's ARC community, working with its regional partners to ensure that the benefits ARC offers to Canadians are realized.

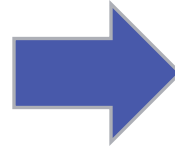
## REGIONAL

ARC is optimized and delivered efficiently to researchers, and that Canada's national ARC platform remains innovative by providing an environment in which new approaches and infrastructure can be tested successfully. It coordinates with colleagues across Canada and in the national layer, to ensure that Canadian researchers are consistently and equitably served, and it ensures that regional priorities are clearly defined and executed within the national agenda.

## LOCAL

Researchers have access to coordinated campus ARC services, which are often the first line of response to requests for support. It also supports practical implementation of operational details and fills in gaps when ARC resources are unavailable through the regional/provincial and national layers.

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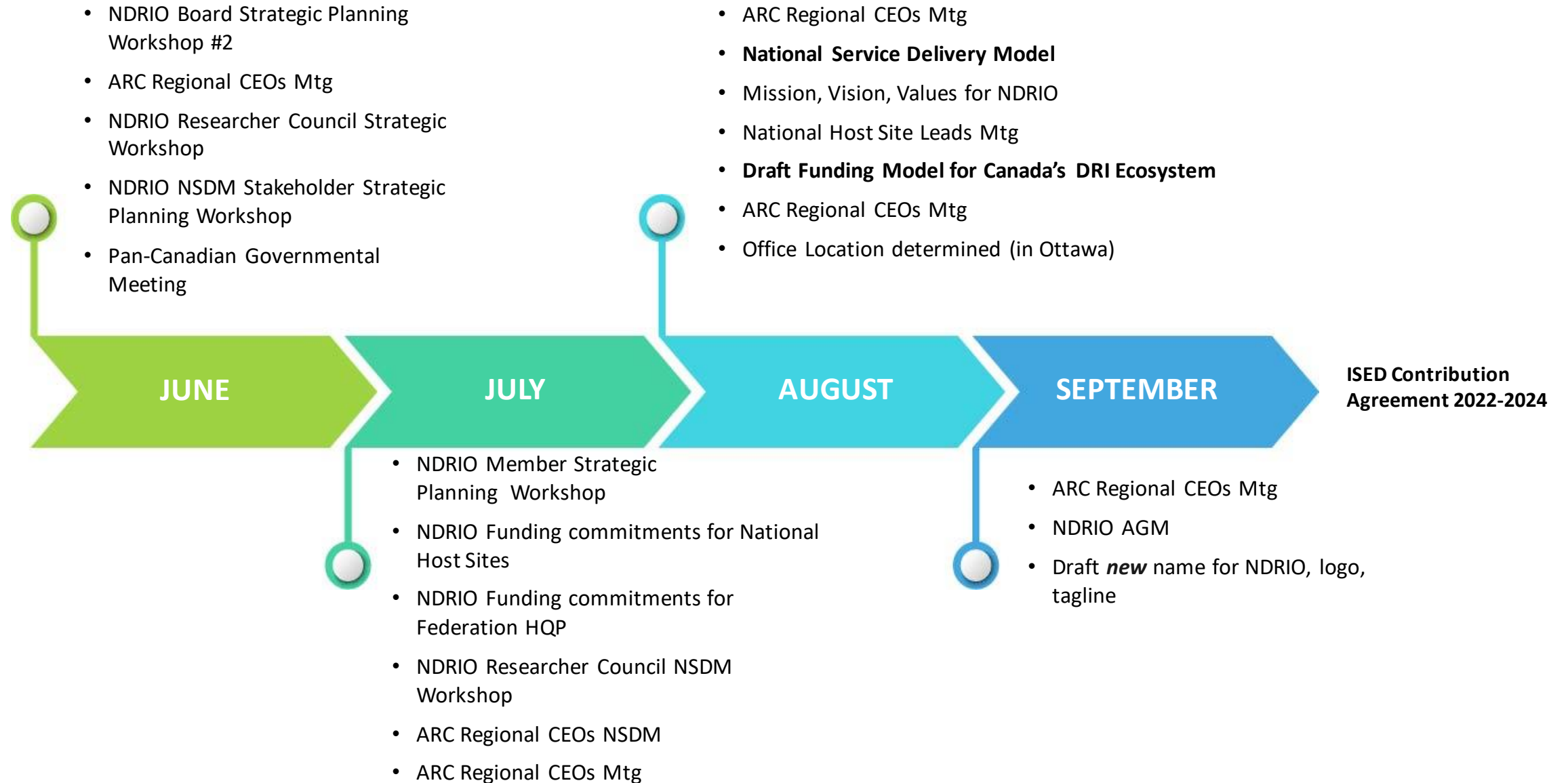
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NDRIO is working with the federation (Regions & Host Site Leads) to update the service definition based on the DRI ecosystem including ARC, RDM & RS along with a set of principles for classifying services into the three layers, National, Regional & Local.



# KEY MILESTONES







## Future Engagement Opportunities for Federation Members (HQP)

### **Current State – DRI Service Map**

- July 2021 – July 2022
- Working group to be formed to put together a fulsome DRI (ARC, RS & RDM) Current State Services Map.

### **Future State – DRI Service Map**

- November 2021 – July 2022
- Working group to be formed to put together a Future State DRI (ARC, RS & RDM) Services Map.

### **Strategic Initiatives Planning**

- October 2021 – March 2022
- Invitations to participate in focused working groups to scope and plan the prioritized projects and initiatives within NDRIO's strategic plan.

# NDRIO BRANDING



# BRANDING INTRODUCTION

- NDRIO is working on a new name and new identity
- Stakeholder engagement is important to this effort
- A survey will be shared with all federation members in the coming days

# HOW WE'LL STAY CONNECTED

- Attend monthly Town Halls with NDRIO
- Communicate with organizational and regional leaders
- Participate in transition working groups
- Read Cyberimpact newsletter

- Connect on Twitter and LinkedIn



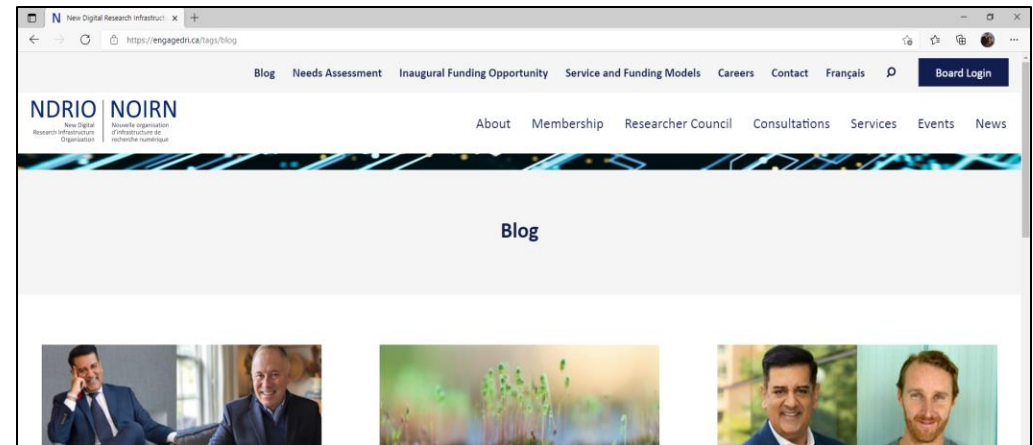
- Follow CEO's Blog

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With the half-way point of 2021 fast approaching, I want to acknowledge and thank not only our team but our Members, partners and other Digital Research Infrastructure (DRI) ecosystem stakeholders for your continued dedication to serving Canada's researchers. We truly are stronger together, and I appreciate all of the feedback, insights and support we have received to date.

In the spirit of collaboration, our newest blog features an interview with **Brendan McGinty, Director of Industry at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA)**. Through our conversation, Brendan reflects on his experiences, wisdom and "secret sauce" about commitment and collaboration in an era of data deluge. I hope you enjoy it.



# HOW TO GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED AFTER TODAY'S MEETING?

- Future Town Halls
- Home institutions
- Regional consortium
- Direct supervisors
- Regional organizations

