



## Northern Confidence: Youth Vision of Ontario's Future North



Soutien à l'immigration FRANCOPHONE

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#### **Experience in Northern Ontario**

❖ Agent de développement économique communautaire (February 2017)



Conseiller en employabilité (December 2018)



Innovation et performance

International & Community Matchmaker (December 2018)





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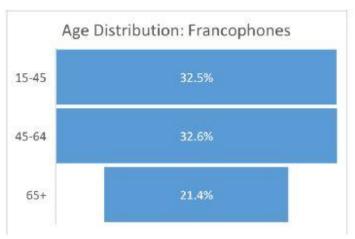
❖ Coordonnateur du Réseau du Nord (August 2019)

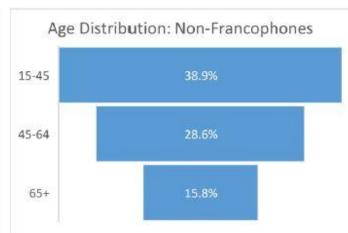




### Northern Ontario Francophonie a world of opportunities

Lots of employment opportunities in Northern Ontario and even more opportunities for Francophones





- ❖ The Francophone population is old and getting older
- Shortage of local young qualified francophones



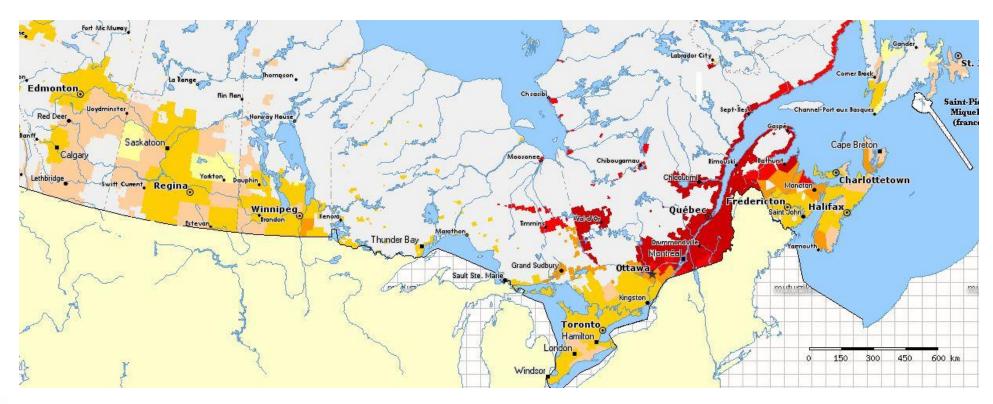


#### Francophone Immigration is a Necessity

- Demography
- Economy
- Culture and arts
- Maintaining our bilingual identity

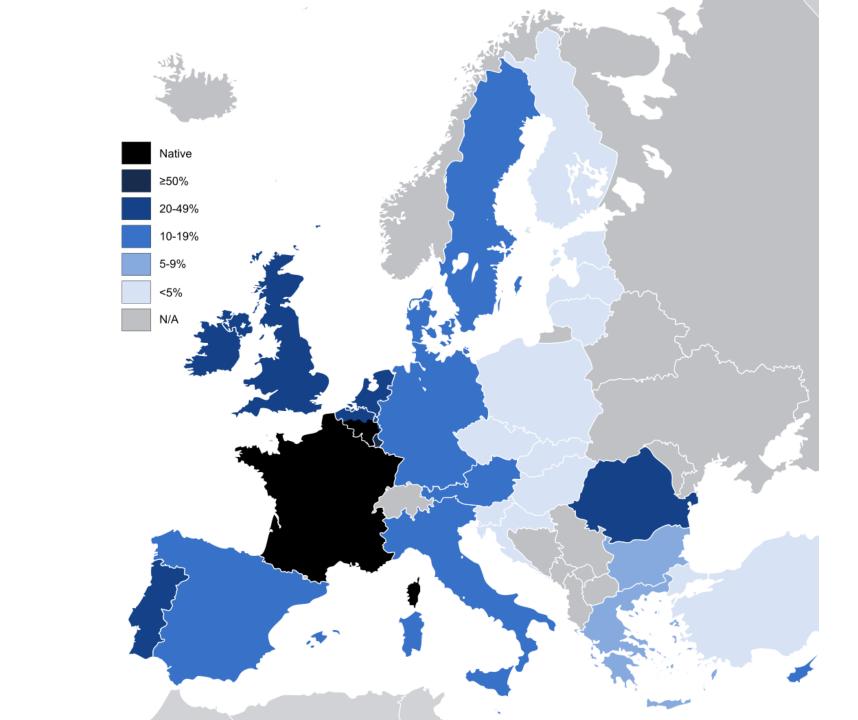


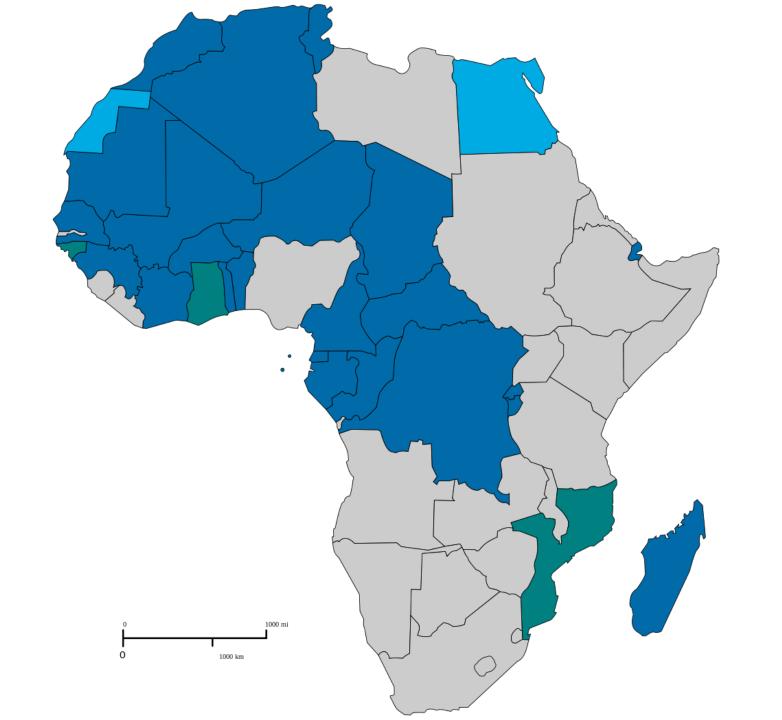
### **Importance of Bilingualism**











### My vision of Northern Ontario's Future

- ❖ A region economically and demographically growing
- ❖ A truly bilingual Northern Ontario proud of its diversity and inclusive
- Everyone working together to orchestrate efforts to attract, settle and retain Francophone immigrants
- A world of opportunities for Francophone newcomers and businesses





## Challenges to overcome

- 1. Need to substantially increase the number of Francophone and Francophile immigrants settling in the North
- Need to highlight the assets and attributes of northern communities
- 3. Need to identify and fill all of the gaps in the services available to newcomers specially those with a temporary status
- 4. Establish closer links between every stakeholder to improve the immigration continuum
- Significant need to raise awareness within the communities, especially <u>employers</u>





# Questions?

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