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Institute for Canadian Citizenship and the Fundación Reinventando a México to bring 6 Degrees to Mexico in 2019

TORONTO / MEXICO CITY, September 27, 2018—The Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) and the Fundación Reinventando a México (FRaM) are pleased to announce an exciting new collaboration to bring 6 Degrees to the Global South for the first time.

6 Degrees breaks down barriers and brings together authors and activists, artists and academics to think out loud and reframe debates over inclusion. Past events have featured His Highness the Aga Khan, Margaret Atwood, Ai Weiwei, Bernhard Schlink, Michael Sandel, Mayor Yiannis Boutaris, Naomi Klein, Rabin Baldewsingh, Renata Ávila, and many more emerging and established global leaders. 6 Degrees events are held around the world as a way to convene top thinkers on inclusion in cities and regions that are at the forefront of global leadership.

On Tuesday at 6 Degrees Toronto, Javier López Casarín, President of FRaM (the Reinventing Mexico Foundation), and John Ralston Saul, Co-founder and Co-chair of the ICC, signed a letter of intent between the two organizations. FRaM and the ICC will develop and execute a six-year series of annual events in Mexico, starting with Mexico City in the last quarter of 2019. This will mark the first time that 6 Degrees is presented in Latin America.

“We are honoured and excited to work with the Institute for Canadian Citizenship to develop annual 6 Degrees events in Mexico. These kinds of conversations are needed in Mexico and will help us shape the narrative of Mexico’s role in the region and the world,” said López Casarín, who made his 6 Degrees Toronto debut on Tuesday in a session entitled *Where Inclusion Happens*.

“We see Mexico as an important country for our work on issues related to citizenship and inclusion, and the Fundación Reinventando a México as an ideal partner as we continue this global conversation,” said Saul. “6 Degrees is made up of a wide, international network of participants from all walks of life, including young people, emerging leaders, and people outside the traditional centres of power. Bringing 6 Degrees to Mexico City will help us to establish a hub Latin America, as we broaden our focus to include Central America and large parts of South America.”

The third edition of 6 Degrees Toronto concluded last night, after three days of intense and exhilarating dialogue, exchanges, and performances. The next international edition of 6 Degrees will take place in Berlin on November 12. Previous editions have also been held in Vancouver, The Hague, Calgary, and St. Gallen, Switzerland.

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About the Fundación Reinventando a México

The Fundación Reinventando a México (FRaM) aims to promote social and technological innovation in Mexico. Presided and founded by entrepreneur Javier López Casarín, FRaM offers spaces for reflection, innovation and discussion of ideas that allow us to shape the development of a better country the future of Mexico.

About 6 Degrees

6 Degrees drives a global conversation on citizenship and inclusion. The Canadian initiative includes an immersive annual three-day event in Toronto, as well as a series of one-day pop-ups across Canada and around the world. 6 Degrees is about connection, conversation, artistic representation, and the power that comes from bringing people together. It is about what we can do to counter rising nativism and exclusion, and how we can go about doing it. It is also about language: how better language can make for better thinking; how we can reframe issues to open hearts and change minds.

6 Degrees is presented by the Institute for Canadian Citizenship.

About the Institute for Canadian Citizenship

Powered by a passionate and committed national network, the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) delivers programs and special projects that inspire Canadians to be inclusive, create opportunities to connect, and encourage active citizenship. Partnering with community volunteers and iconic cultural institutions, the ICC celebrates new Canadian citizens at more than 75 community citizenship ceremonies each year. The Cultural Access Pass is unique in the world, offering new citizens free access to more than 1400 cultural attractions during their first year of citizenship. Ideas & Insights is a leading source of research on citizenship and inclusion—social, cultural, political and economic. 6 Degrees extends the reach of the ICC's work through a global conversation on inclusion and citizenship in the 21st century. The ICC is a national charity co-founded by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul.

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