

FORUM OF FEDERATIONS / FORUM DES FÉDÉRATIONS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of
Forum of Federations / Forum des Fédérations

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Forum of Federations / Forum des Fédérations (the Organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at March 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Marcil Lavallée

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Ottawa, Ontario
September 15, 2023

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

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	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Grants and contributions (Schedule A)	\$ 6,754,070	\$ 7,076,913
Other	170,102	62,303
In-kind	156,541	177,181
Interest	14,649	946
Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets	4,810	6,871
	7,100,172	7,324,214
EXPENSES		
Projects expenses (Schedule B)	5,912,282	6,570,154
Salaries and benefits	543,943	286,023
Consultants	169,792	128,393
Office and general overhead	138,592	112,413
Travel	134,663	25,316
Rent	81,251	77,363
Telecommunications	30,284	22,560
Membership and subscriptions	5,352	8,124
Printing and publications	4,088	-
Leased equipment	907	623
Translation services	154	-
Professional fees	21,404	16,500
Amortization of capital assets	14,063	22,435
	7,056,775	7,269,904
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 43,397	\$ 54,310

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

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	Unrestricted	Invested in capital assets	2023 Total	2022 Total
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 2,039,822	\$ 31,933	\$ 2,071,755	2,017,445
Excess of revenues over expenses	52,650	(9,253)	43,397	54,310
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,092,472	\$ 22,680	\$ 2,115,152	2,071,755

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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	2023	2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,865,230	\$ 1,332,473
Term deposits, 2.92%, maturing in May 2023	559,893	545,244
Grants and contributions receivable	518,537	681,109
Sales tax receivable	39,240	28,732
Program and travel advances	528,424	816,615
Prepaid expenses	33,597	1,529
	3,544,921	3,405,702
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 4)	33,902	47,965
	\$ 3,578,823	\$ 3,453,667
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payables and accrued liabilities	\$ 459,746	\$ 566,375
Deferred grants and contributions (Note 5)	992,703	799,505
	1,452,449	1,365,880
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 6)	11,222	16,032
	1,463,671	1,381,912
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	2,092,472	2,039,822
Internal restriction		
Invested in capital assets	22,680	31,933
	2,115,152	2,071,755
	\$ 3,578,823	\$ 3,453,667

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD


_____, Director


_____, Director

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

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	2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 43,397	\$ 54,310
Adjustments for:		
Amortization of capital assets	14,063	22,435
Amortization of deferred capital contributions related to capital assets	(4,810)	(6,871)
	52,650	69,874
Net change in non-cash items related to operating activities:		
Grants and contributions receivable	162,572	254,267
Sales tax receivable	(10,508)	5,351
Program and travel advances	288,191	(36,202)
Prepaid expenses	(32,068)	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(106,629)	(173)
Deferred grants and contributions	193,198	491,553
	494,756	714,796
	547,406	784,670
INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Net change in term deposits	(14,649)	(946)
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
	532,757	783,724
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		
	1,332,473	548,749
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR		
	\$ 1,865,230	\$ 1,332,473

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. STATUTE AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Forum of Federations / Forum des Fédérations is an Organization that offers policy-makers and practitioners of federalism an arena in which to exchange information and compare experiences in managing federal systems. The Organization's head office is in Ottawa, Ontario but has operations in several international countries. The Organization is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, and is exempt from income taxes as a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Organization applies the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the amounts recognized as revenues and expenses for the periods covered. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Revenue recognition

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for grants and contributions. Restricted grants and contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted grants and contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Contributions relating to capital assets are accounted for as deferred contributions and amortized on the same basis as the related capital assets.

Interest and other income are recognized in the period in which they are earned.

Grant and contribution receivable

A grant and contribution receivable is recognized as an asset when the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and ultimate collection is reasonably assured.

Contributed services

Contributed materials and services which are used in the normal course of operations and would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at their fair value at the date of the contribution if fair value can be reasonably estimated.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

The Organization's policy is to present bank balances, including bank indebtedness with balances that can fluctuate from being positive to overdrawn, under cash and cash equivalents.

Capital assets

Capital assets are accounted for at cost. Amortization is calculated using the diminishing balance method at the following annual rates:

	Rates
Furniture and fixtures	20%
Computer hardware	30%
Vehicles	30%

Write-down of capital assets

When a capital asset no longer contributes to the Organization's ability to provide services, its carrying amount is written down to residual value, if any. The excess of its net carrying amount over any residual value is recognized as an expense in the statement of operations.

Financial instruments

Initial measurement

The Organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities originated or exchanged in arm's length transactions at fair value. Financial assets and liabilities originated or exchanged in related party transactions, except for those that involve parties whose sole relationship with the Organization is in the capacity of management, are initially measured at cost.

Subsequent measurement

The Organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, term deposits, grants and contributions receivable as well as program and travel advances.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Impairment

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the Organization determines whether there are indications of possible impairment. When there are, and the Organization determines that a significant adverse change has occurred during the period in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows, a write-down is recognized in operations. If the indicators of impairment have decreased or no longer exist, the previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement. The carrying amount of the financial asset may not be greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in operations.

Transaction costs

Transaction costs attributable to financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value and to those originated or exchanged in a related party transaction are recognized in operations in the period incurred. Transaction costs related to financial instruments originated or exchanged in an arm's length transaction that are subsequently measured at amortized cost are recognized in the original cost of the instrument. When the instrument is measured at amortized cost, transaction costs are recognized in operations over the life of the instrument using the straight-line method.

Translation of foreign currency transactions and items

The Organization uses the temporal method to translate its foreign currency transactions.

Monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet date. Other assets and liabilities are translated at the exchange rate in effect at the transaction date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the exchange rate in effect at the transaction date. Exchange gains and losses are included in the Statement of operations.

3. PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

The Organization contributes to a defined contribution pension plan for employees. The employer's contribution for the year amounts to \$91,178 (2022: \$88,779).

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4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	2023			2022	
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value	Net book value	
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 47,498	\$ 44,887	\$ 2,611	\$	3,264
Computer hardware	30,839	30,839	-		-
Vehicles	113,497	82,206	31,291		44,701
	\$ 191,834	\$ 157,932	\$ 33,902	\$	47,965

5. DEFERRED GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred grants and contributions represent restricted funding that is related to the subsequent years and are detailed as follows:

	2023		2022	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Ireland	\$	322,826	\$	450,082
GIZ - Pakistan		271,639		-
Global Affairs Canada		227,936		166,337
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia		138,165		126,435
Government of the Province of Quebec		32,137		49,421
Others		-		7,230
	\$	992,703	\$	799,505

The change in deferred contributions during the year is as follows:

Balance, beginning of year	\$	799,505	\$	307,952
Plus: amount received during the year		6,947,268		7,568,466
Less: amount recognized as revenue during the year		(6,754,070)		(7,076,913)
Balance, end of year	\$	992,703	\$	799,505

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6. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO CAPITAL ASSETS

Deferred contributions related to capital assets represent restricted contributions with which capital assets were acquired. The change in balance during the year is as follows:

		2023		2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$	16,032	\$	22,903
Less: amount recognized as revenue during the year		(4,810)		(6,871)
Balance, end of year	\$	11,222	\$	16,032

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

Approximately 13% of the Organization's revenues are in foreign currency. Consequently, the Organization is exposed to foreign exchange fluctuations. As of March 31, 2023, assets include program advances of \$21,662 (2022: \$77,619) in U.S. dollars, 44,191 (2022: 59,605) in Jordanian dinar, 15,666 (2022: 69,304) in Tunisian dinar, 8,188,338 (2022: 10,248,020) in Ethiopian birr, K71,882,429 (2022: K119,420,365) in Myanmar kyat and 1,482,276 (2022: 610,867) in Thai Baht which have been converted into Canadian dollars.

8. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The commitment of the Organization under a lease agreement aggregates to \$289,834. The instalments over the next four years are the following:

2024	\$	77,289
2025	\$	77,289
2026	\$	77,289
2027	\$	57,967

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9. CONTINGENCIES

Other indemnification agreements

In the normal course of operations, the Organization signs agreements whereby funds are provided for the execution of projects which are subject to restrictions as to the use of the funds. The sponsors of these projects can execute an audit of the financial records of the Organization to ensure compliance with the project requirements. In the event that amounts to be reimbursed to the sponsor of a project are identified, the necessary adjustments will be recognized in the year they are identified.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

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	2023	2022
SCHEDULE A - GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS		
Global Affairs Canada	\$ 5,246,633	\$ 5,926,201
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Ireland	502,179	123,970
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation	346,560	344,425
Federal Republic of Germany	205,680	198,035
UN Women	155,071	-
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	126,434	121,427
Federative Republic of Brazil	65,907	60,500
GIZ - Pakistan	64,943	-
European Union	19,650	43,509
Government of the Province of Quebec	17,285	-
The Asia Foundation	-	87,796
The Ministry for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands	-	84,882
Other	3,728	86,168
	\$ 6,754,070	\$ 7,076,913

SCHEDULE B - PROJECTS EXPENSES

Local staff	\$ 1,388,225	\$ 1,248,367
Salaries and benefits	1,174,176	1,396,425
Travel	905,003	817,461
International consultants	774,147	830,879
Support services	320,455	413,128
Local consultants	317,105	737,000
Meeting facilities and hospitalities	221,859	328,546
In-kind - interns	203,826	177,181
Telecommunications	178,505	63,833
Office and general overhead	158,994	254,282
Rent	106,381	114,720
Translation services	85,462	40,943
Printing and publications	60,393	72,429
Professional fees	15,669	29,875
Distribution costs	1,233	439
Promotion	849	43,577
Membership and subscriptions	-	1,069
	\$ 5,912,282	\$ 6,570,154