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CESO Volunteer Advisors honoured with Sovereign's Medal

Canadian experts receive medal for dedicated and committed service for developing businesses and stronger economies in Canada and the world

Jan. 23, 2019 – CESO is congratulating 11 of its expert volunteer advisors for receiving the prestigious Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers for their work in improving the lives of women, men and children in Canada and around the world.

Awarded by the Governor General of Canada, the medal is given to Canadians who promote and embody values of volunteerism to build a better and more caring future.

"I am delighted to extend my congratulations to all CESO Volunteer Advisors who were awarded the medal. They represent a community of our Volunteer Advisors who generously share their expertise and time to transform the lives of many around the world and in Canada," says Wendy Harris, CESO President and CEO.

"In addition to helping people improve their lives and supporting the development of stronger economies, each of our CESO recipients has acted as a distinguished Canadian representative in the countries and communities where they worked," Harris adds.

Among them are Montreal residents Benoit Bouchard and Carmen Gagnon. They continue to support local businesses and governments as volunteers by promoting sustainable and inclusive economic development with the use of technology.

- **Carmen Gagnon** has been a CESO volunteer since 2011. She is a retired professional with a background in information technology. She has employed her skills to help create and adapt technology to promote transparency and harmony to citizens and their local municipalities in the Philippines.
- **Benoit Bouchard** has contributed immensely to the success of CESO clients and partners, completing more than 100 assignments in Canada, West Africa and Asia. For more than 20 years, he has shared his experience as an IT professional to improve institutional and business systems, allowing CESO partners overseas achieve their objectives and flourish.

For a full list of medal recipients and their complete profile, please visit:

www.ceso-saco.com/volunteer/smv-2018-recipients/.



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About Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO)

CESO is an international economic development engine growing sustainable, inclusive businesses, and strengthening government infrastructure. CESO deploys its experts to communities, partners, governments and people starting or growing their businesses around the world and in Canada. A not-for-profit organization since 1967, CESO's experts are volunteer advisors who devote their time and energy toward economic and social change in more than 500 assignments each year.

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