

## Focus Area -1: Sustainability & Funding (2024 - 2028)

### **Key Goals**

- Increase and Diversify Funding Sources
- Expand and Diversify Fundraising Events
- Strengthen Fundraising Committee and Volunteer Engagement
- Build Sustainable Revenue Streams

### 2024-2025

- Augment grant applications and explore corporate partnerships
- Submit 5-10 grant applications annually
- Implement grant reviews, tracking and funder feedback for applications, outcomes and success.

### 2025-2026

- Host/Participate in DEI-centric collaborative events to increase public visibility.
- Leverage board networks by approaching 5 corporate partners annually for funds and donations.
- Enhance DEI training services with a fee structure, targeting corporate clients and service sectors.

### 2026-2027

- Secure a designated fundraising position to focus on long-term funding and sustainability
- Introduce new types of fundraising events, such as 'Run for the Cause.'
- Build connections with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs for sponsorship of DEI events
- Establish a Fundraising Task Force to support year-round events.
- Implement volunteer-led fundraising events for added community engagement.

- Organize gala events linked to DEI conference to attract donations and sponsorships
- Leverage board networks by approaching 10 corporate and community partners annually
- Design DEI-centric events to foster lasting community and corporate partnerships
- Formalize procedures with new manuals and create succession plans for RDR.



### Focus Area - 2: Advocacy & Public Policy Influence (2024 - 2028)

### **Key Goals**

- Develop training in current DEI issues, policy challenges and create tools for policy advocacy
- Collaborate with community / grassroot organizations to co-create advocacy strategy
- Strengthen community ties through advocacy
- Establish dedicated roles for government relations and community engagement.

### 2024-2025

- Develop a structured approach for stakeholder mapping in policy advocacy
- Host and participate in public forums community-led discussions on emerging issues, policy trends
- Conduct monthly roundtables on emerging issues/ challenges
- Launch training modules addressing current policy challenges.

### 2025-2026

- Expand digital engagement for policy updates and advocacy materials
- Conduct monthly roundtables on emerging issues/ challenges
  - TQCs
- Seek Funding for Research,
   Publish annual reports on DEI impact for public policy advocacy

### 2026-2027

- Develop a regular engagement strategy for MPs, MPPs, and community leaders
- Expand policy influence networks with community groups and grassroots organizations
- Keep Board/Staff informed of key policy matters
- Publish quarterly updates on DEI impact for public policy awareness and advocacy

- Develop and Introduce policy advocacy tools for enhanced public engagement
- Secure funding to create new positions for a Government Relations and community Engagement for long-term impacts and changes



### Focus Area - 3: Human Resources (2024 - 2028)

### **Key Goals**

- Enhance Recruitment, Retention, and Role Alignment
- Strengthen Performance and Development
- Modernize and Align HR Policies and Tools

### 2024-2025

- Introduce SMART goals for staff and volunteers
- Formalize performance measurement tools for staff development
- Align volunteer roles with organizational goals and strategic plans
- Establish mentorship programs for new hires and volunteers.
- Review HR policies annually to ensure relevancy
- Ensure all HR policies are aligned with RDR and DEI standards.

### 2025-2026

- Seek funding for professional development (PD) training sessions for staff and Board
- Implement enhanced volunteer retention programs (3-5 volunteers)
- Update staff compensation grading scales to reflect sector/industry standards.

### 2026-2027

- Support professional development (PD) training for all staff and volunteers
- Continue board
   engagement/retention
   practices that
   maintain/incorporate a diverse
   skill set and voices
- Ensure HR tools accessibility for staff feedback regularly and performance tracking as required

- Develop designated permanent roles (minimum 3-5) tied to sustained funding
- Review HR policies annually to ensure relevancy- develop new ones as identified
- Ensure all HR policies are aligned with DEI standards.



## Focus Area - 4: PR, Marketing & Communications (2024 - 2028)

### **Key Goals**

- Strengthen Engagement and Outreach
- Expand Partnerships and Public Visibility
- Amplify Expertise and Influence in Relevant Fields

### 2024-2025

- Develop standardized PR toolkits for staff and volunteers
- Enhance engagement through social media and outreach activities by increasing relatable and engaging content,
- Use AI tools to conduct a comprehensive environmental analysis to identify key outreach and engagement areas as needed.

### 2025-2026

- Ensure a unified and consistent marketing message across all communication channels
- Create a diverse range of marketing materials, including digital content to enhance engagement
- Conduct a detailed scan to identify and enhance partnerships and organizational presence (Eg; Secure 'corporate gifting' partnerships for online courses).

### 2026-2027

- Maintain a steady flow of publications and contributions to existing publications to enhance visibility and influence (Publish at least four thought leadership articles annually).
- Publish the findings of RDR projects and community forums in DEIB journals to increase visibility

- Publish/Present the RDR learnings in journals, conferences
- Showcase DEI projects, innovations and community buildiung outcomes at key DEI forums/events/conference
- Expand website and learning platforms access and use



# Focus Area - 5: Expertise & Knowledge Management (2024 - 2028) Key Goals

- Establish RDR as a Recognized Knowledge Leader
- Enhance Knowledge Sharing and Accessibility
- Build and Maintain a Comprehensive Knowledge Repository
- Commercialize Access to High-Value Knowledge Assets

### 2024-2025

- Develop reputation for expertise through stakeholder engagement at local, regional, provincial, and federal levels,
- Increase outreach and branding efforts to enhance awareness and credibility,
- Utilize online platforms and social media to engage broader audiences,
- Build in-person engagement

### 2025-2026

- Form partnerships with organizations within the Peel region and beyond
- Create regular opportunities for sharing knowledge with public and members
- Promote all online learning platforms through securing partnership with various University/ College DEI departments
- Document and catalog all knowledge resources for accessibility and relevance.

### 2026-2027

- Host at least 4 knowledgesharing events annually, ensuring a minimum of 50 attendees per event
- Develop a centralized database for developed knowledge resources
- Develop a strategy for monetizing relevant knowledge resources.
- Identify knowledge assets with commercial potential
- Create pricing models and marketing strategies.
- Develop a knowledge hub or platform for accessible and purchasable content.

### 2027-2028

- Host podcasts with member organizations and sector experts.
- Adopt and Implement Innovative Knowledge Management Tools/softwares.
- Research, test, and evaluate various resource management tools/softwares usage/uptake.

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# Focus Area - 6: Research, Accreditation & Tool Development (2024 - 2028) Key Goals

- Align Accreditation and Curriculum with Stakeholder Needs
- Enhance Knowledge Access and Engagement through Digital Learning

### 2024-2025

- Create a catalog of existing accredited (Copy right/ trademark) contents of RDR
- Research and Define further Accreditation Content Needs
- Promote the existing Online Learning Courses
- Explore accreditation requirements and organizational eligibility

### 2025-2026

- Build on research and defined Accreditation Needs
- Initiate the accreditation process
- Ensure requirements are duly met with gaps being addressed

### 2026-2027

- Develop Tailored Curriculums for ARAO-DEI Leadership and Community Needs
- Collaborate with local municipalities, regional government, diverse sectors to advance inclusion through capacity building

- Build and Deliver a Comprehensive Webinar Program
- Compile a catalog of at least 20 webinar topics and conduct 5 webinars annually, providing a broad range of learning opportunities tailored to stakeholder interests.
- Implement Online Analytics for Continuous Improvement
- Track engagement and outcomes for webinars and courses, using data insights to refine and enhance future offerings.