

GÉNOME QUÉBEC RECEIVES \$40 M FOR GENOMICS AND PERSONALIZED HEALTH

Québec City, March 28, 2017 — Génome Québec applauds the decision of the Québec government to place research and innovation at the forefront of its economic plan. The Minister of Finance, Carlos J. Leitão, announced today additional funding of \$834 million in support of the forward-looking sector, bringing to \$2.5 billion the government's overall investment over the next five years.

Of that amount, \$40 million is earmarked for Génome Québec and its genomics research activities, more specifically in personalized medicine. Also worthy of note were several additional measures dedicated to other innovation sectors, such as sustainable development, forestry and agrifood. These rank among Génome Québec's priority sectors, where genomics research is expected to generate innovative solutions in coming years.

Daniel Coderre, President and CEO of Génome Québec, welcomes with enthusiasm the new budget: "Québec has chosen to focus on two disruptive technologies, genomics and artificial intelligence, both of which will revolutionize our way of doing things in science and industry. By giving Québec researchers the means to succeed among the best in these fields, Québec is demonstrating its resolve to stimulate the economy, promote its knowledge and prepare society for future generations." The future of genomics, it should be noted, will be determined in part by the ability to successfully analyze and interpret Big Data. To that end, Génome Québec welcomes the government's decision to invest \$100 million for the development of a research cluster in artificial intelligence.

In a few weeks, the Minister of Economy, Science and Innovation, Dominique Anglade, will unveil two eagerly anticipated strategies: the first on Life Sciences, the other on Research and Innovation. "We look forward to knowing the details of these two major components of Québec's economic plan. We wish to reiterate our willingness to work closely with the government in coming years to make Québec a recognized leader in the areas of life sciences and bio-economy," added Daniel Coderre.

About Génome Québec

Génome Québec is an economic development organization that contributes to strengthening the competitiveness of the genomics innovation system in order to maximize its socioeconomic impact in Québec. It does so by funding major research initiatives in genomics and putting in place the tools necessary for scientific and strategic development in the field.

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