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RE: ANNOUNCEMENT: Joanna Eyquem – New Director, Climate Programs, Quebec

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The Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation is pleased to welcome Joanna Eyquem as the new Director, Climate Programs, Quebec.

Joanna has 20 years of experience in environmental consultancy in Canada and the UK. She brings to the team her expertise in climate change adaptation, natural hazard management, hydrogeomorphology and freshwater habitat management. Joanna is bilingual and her expertise and experience working in Quebec makes her well positioned to promote on-the-ground climate adaptation initiatives.

Most recently, Joanna worked as Principal Fluvial Geomorphologist and Climate Change Practice Lead at AECOM. In this position, she led the development and delivery of applied and innovative Climate Adaptation-related services for AECOM clients across Canada, including vulnerability assessment, adaptation planning and flood and erosion risk management. She also built a team of fluvial geomorphologists working on projects to rehabilitate and conserve natural infrastructure, in particular freshwater environments.

Joanna holds a Master of Science in Environmental Technology, with a specialization in Water, from Imperial College, London. Joanna also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography (Earth Studies) from the University of Exeter. Additionally, she is certified as a Professional Geoscientist, a Chartered Environmentalist, and a Chartered Water and Environment Manager.

Joanna will promote climate adaptation initiatives of the Intact Centre in Quebec. She will focus on: (1) mobilizing flood-resilience for homes, new and existing communities, and commercial real estate; (2) promoting retention of natural infrastructure to mitigate flood risk, (3) promoting programs to limit wildfire risk; (4) developing programs to limit risk of extreme heat; and (5) incorporating climate risk into institutional investing, credit rating assessments and securities disclosure.

Joanna will represent the Intact Centre on the **Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) RIISQ** Scientific Committee. Joanna's office will be located at the Intact Financial Montréal Office.

Regards... Blair



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