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MEDIA ADVISORY

RESILIENCE: The International Conference on Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS)

Canada's leading MCS advocacy organizations, the Environmental Health Association of Canada and the Environmental Health Association of Québec, are hosting a groundbreaking two-day virtual event to spotlight MCS, amplify lived experiences, and mobilize action following the March 2025 [UN CRPD Concluding Observations](#), which include MCS.

When:

May 1–2, 2025

Live online sessions daily from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT**

Where:

Virtual – [registration details](#)

Why it matters:

- **Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS): over 1.13 million Canadians are diagnosed with MCS**, this condition affects millions globally and remains widely misunderstood, under-recognized, and under-protected.

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- The United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities calls out Canada for the disproportionate discrimination and stigma experienced by the MCS Community
- The conference theme, **Resilience**, highlights the need to **advance scientific understanding, foster collaborative research, and drive systemic change** for a **safer global environment and improved quality of life** for people with MCS.
- This conference brings together **experts, advocates, people with lived experience, medical professionals, and policymakers** to chart a path forward.

Key Features:

- Presentations on the UN Concluding Observations
- First-hand testimonies from those living with MCS
- International collaboration: speakers from Canada, Europe, and Japan
- The launch of the national “**Right to Breathe**” advocacy campaign promoting fragrance-free healthcare in Canada

Who should attend:

- Journalists covering health, human rights, disability, housing, and environment
- Policy and healthcare professionals
- Advocates and community organizations

Speakers : A speakers list can be viewed [here](#).

Agenda : An agenda for both days can be viewed at:

[Day 1 - Thursday, May 1, 2025](#)

[Day 2 - Friday, May 2, 2025](#)

Partners : Partners can be viewed at [the end of this page](#).

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