

Breaking Down Barriers: Unlocking Canada's Economic Potential

A Forum on Trade, Regulation & Competition



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Ms. Langley brings a wealth of experience to ACOA, having previously served as Deputy Minister of the Office of Citizen-Centered Approaches since December 2020 and concurrently as Deputy Minister of the Office of the Nova Scotia Premier, Deputy Minister of Treasury Board, Clerk of the Executive Council, and Head of the Nova Scotia Public Service since June 2016.

After more than 15 years as a journalist, Ms. Langley began her decades-long career in the public service. She has demonstrated success in engaging employees while working in complex systems, tackling wicked problems, and driving a whole-of-government, citizen-centered approach to developing public policy. She has an interest in transforming how we work in the Westminster model of government while advancing the modernization of the public service.

Ms. Langley is a sought-after speaker on leadership, workplace communication and leading in complex systems, and is a certified facilitator in understanding and seeing organizational systems. She has a Master of Public Administration from Dalhousie University (2002) and a Master of Arts in Leadership from Royal Roads University (2015).

Ms. Langley has served as a board member for various professional and community organizations and is a known advocate for diversity and inclusion. She has been recognized by the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission as a Champion of the Workplace, and in 2018 she was recognized as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women as a strategic and engaging public-sector leader.

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