

Breaking Down Barriers: Unlocking Canada's Economic Potential

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Jeannine Ritchot is an experienced public sector leader with over 20 years of experience across several federal government departments, including Natural Resources Canada, Treasury Board Secretariat, and the Health Portfolio. In her current role at the Privy Council Office as Assistant Deputy Minister of Multilateral Relations and Internal Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs, she provides advice and thought leadership to the Prime Minister and Cabinet on matters affecting national unity within the federation, including the Team Canada Strategy to respond to the ongoing trade conflict with the U.S. She also leads the Government of Canada's efforts to remove barriers to interprovincial trade as a means to bolster Canada's economic resilience.

In 2020, for her efforts in promoting international and interprovincial regulatory cooperation as a means of removing barriers to trade, she became an inaugural recipient of the Apolitical and World Economic Forum "Agile 50" Award, which recognized the 50 Most Influential People in the World Revolutionizing Governance. In 2019, Jeannine became the first woman to serve as Chair of the OECD Regulatory Policy Committee. She was also a peer reviewer of governance structures for regulatory cooperation in the U.K. and Mexico and negotiated the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement Good Regulatory Practices Chapter.

Jeannine has strong community roots and is a fierce advocate for the advancement of women and girls in sport. She is a donor and mentor to women athletes at the University of Ottawa and is Chair of Girls on the Run Ottawa, an organization that teaches girls to live joyful, self-confident lives through physical activity.

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