

**FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL
MEETING OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STATUS OF WOMEN
SEPTEMBER 14 & 15, 2016
Draft AGENDA**

September 14

- 5:00-7:00 pm** **Ministers' Working Dinner (Government House)**
- i. CICS logistics (3 mins)**
 - ii. Welcoming remarks (10 mins)**
 - iii. Adoption of meeting agenda (2 mins)**
 - iv. Working dinner to discuss approaches to engaging with National Indigenous Organizations and Indigenous women representatives in future Status of Women FPT meetings (60 mins)**
 - v. Roundtable discussion on jurisdictional initiatives (45 mins)**
- 7:10-9:00 pm** **Welcome Reception**

*Note: Welcome reception will be held at Government House.
Event is for Ministers, officials and invited guests.*

September 15
Government House, 12845 – 102 Avenue NW Edmonton

7:30 – 8:30am **Early morning coffee, muffins and fruits will be provided on site**

Item I. Opening Proceedings (Co-chairs: AB and Canada)

- 8:30 – 8:35am** **i. CICS logistics (5 mins)**
8:35 – 8:40am **ii. Opening remarks (5 mins)**

Item II. Violence Against Women and Girls (Canada)

- 8:40 – 9:00am** **i. Federal Gender Based Violence Strategy (20 mins)**
9:00 – 9:45am **ii. Discussion on Strategy and alignment with PT strategies (45 mins)**
9:45 – 10:05am **iii. Human Trafficking (Ontario) – (20 minutes)**

10:05 – 10:20am **BREAK (15 min)**

Item III. Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls (Canada)

10:20 – 11:20am i. Updates on efforts to address Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls (1 hour)

Item IV. Minister photo op

11:20 – 11:30am Minister photo op (10 min)

11:30-12:30pm LUNCH – (1 hour)

Item V. Gender Wage Gap (Alberta)

12:30 – 1:00pm i. Invited Speaker (Kathleen Lahey): Presentation on Wage gap (20 min + 10 min Q & A)

1:00 – 1:10pm ii. Childcare and Parental Leave (Alberta)- (10 min)

1:10 – 1:30pm iii. Invited Speaker (Karen MacKenzie): Presentation on supporting Indigenous Women in Leadership (20 min)

1:30 – 2:15pm iv. Ministerial Discussion (45 min)

2:15 – 2:30pm BREAK (15 min)

Item VI. Gender Based Analysis+ (Canada)

2:30 – 2:40pm i. SWC update (actions since Office of the Auditor General report, including Strategic Plan) (10 min)

2:40 – 2:55pm ii. Gender equality indicators and statistics/measurement and evaluation – (Yukon)- (15 min)

2:55– 3:05pm iii. Developing a gender equality index – (Quebec)-(10 min)

3:05 – 3:25pm iv. Ministerial Discussion (20 min)

Item VII. Next steps (Canada)

3:25 – 3:30pm i. Designation of 2017-18 Forum Co-Host (5 mins)

3:30 – 3:40pm ii. Adoption of Press Release (10 mins)

3:40 – 3:50pm iii. Adoption of Record of Decision (10 mins)

Item VIII. Closing (Alberta and Canada)

3:50 – 4:00pm i. Closing remarks

Media availability



Status of Women Ministers address key issues affecting women at 34th Annual Meeting

September 15, 2016 – Edmonton, Alberta

The 34th Annual Meeting of Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Ministers responsible for the Status of Women took place this week in Edmonton, Alberta. The Ministers addressed priority issues for women and girls at the meeting including ending violence against women and girls, reducing the gender wage gap, and enhancing the use of Gender-based Analysis (GBA) in decision-making as a critical tool for advancing gender equality.

Ministers shared updates based on their respective actions in their own jurisdictions to reduce and prevent gender-based violence, including violence against Indigenous women and girls, as well as human trafficking. The Ministers agreed to identify further opportunities for complementary actions among provincial/territorial strategies addressing violence against women and girls, and the Federal Strategy Against Gender-based Violence that is now being developed. Ministers have agreed to explore additional opportunities for collaboration to address sexual violence, such as the issue of low reporting rates and appropriate response mechanisms. They have also discussed opportunities to strengthen data collection and reporting on gender-based violence, and to explore the development of a monitoring and reporting framework.

Experts shared their insights on improving data collection, reducing and eliminating the gender wage gap, and supporting Indigenous women in leadership roles. These presentations helped inform Ministers on the best practices to achieve these goals and built upon recent actions by the FPT forum including the promotion of women in leadership positions on private and public boards, and increasing women's representation in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, as well as in the skilled trades.

Ministers discussed ways to improve the implementation of GBA across jurisdictions. Ministers also heard about innovative strategies being advanced by the governments of Quebec and Yukon which focus on the development of gender equality indicators and indices to help track progress on gender equality. Going forward, Ministers agreed to continue to share their respective experiences, challenges, and possible solutions for the enhanced implementation of GBA.

Quick Facts

- This week's meeting of Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Ministers responsible for the Status of Women was co-chaired by the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Status of Women, and the Honourable Stephanie McLean, Minister of Service Alberta and Status of Women.
- The next Annual Meeting of the FPT Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women will be hosted by Ontario in 2017 (June 21-23).

Quotes

“The Government of Canada is firmly committed to gender equality and is working with provinces and territories to address the important issues facing women and girls in Canada today. This collaboration makes it possible to create more opportunities for women and girls in all aspects of Canadian life, and build the healthy, inclusive society we want as a lasting legacy for our children and grandchildren.”

*The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Minister of Status of Women*

“Today, I re-affirmed our government's resolve to act swiftly, thoughtfully and in partnership to achieve gender equality in Alberta and all across the country. We will keep working until all women and girls feel safe, supported, and empowered to participate fully in the world around them.”

*The Honourable Stephanie McLean
Minister of Service Alberta and Status of Women*