35th Annual Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting of the Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women

November 8 – 10, 2017 Toronto, Ontario

Wednesday, November 8

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Welcome Reception

- Lobby at CBC's Glenn Gould Studio (250 Front Street West)

Thursday, November 9

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.7:30 — 8:30 am	Breakfast and Registration			
	- Metro Toronto Convention Centre (255 Front Street West, Meeting Room 201 ABCD)			
8:30 – 11:45 am	Meeting with National Indigenous Leaders and Representatives (NILRs)			
	- Separate agenda to be provided once finalized			
11:45 - 12:00 pm	Photo Opportunity			
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Private lunch meeting between FPT Ministers and NILRs - InterContinental Toronto Centre Hotel - Kingsway Meeting Room			
Opening of the	Chair(s)			
1:00 - 1:15 pm	 Opening remarks by Co-Chairs Administrative Comments (Lead: CICS) Adoption of the Agenda (Lead: Canada) 	Ontario / Canada		
1:15 - 2:30 pm	II. Gender Wage Gap and Women's Economic Empowerment (Lead: Ontario)	Ontario		
	 GWG Research Brief and Recommendations from the Task 			
	Team			
	 Ontario's Proposed Women's Economic Empowerment Strategy 			
	- Ministerial Discussion			
2:30 - 3:15 pm	III. Gender Based Analysis (Leads: Yukon and Canada)	Canada		
	- Results from the jurisdictional scan (Yukon)			
	 Gender-based Analysis + (videos) (Canada) 			
	- Ministerial Discussion			
3:15 - 3:30 pm	Break			

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3:30 - 4:15 pm l'		/iolence Against Women and Girls – Sexual Violence Lead: Manitoba)	Ontario
		Addressing sexual violence: Presentation on Third Party Reporting Tracy Porteous, Executive Director, Ending Violence Association of British Columbia Kevin Chalk, Deputy Chief, Waterloo Regional Police, CACP	
	-	 Kevin Brosseau, Deputy Commissioner, RCMP Update on unfounded cases (D/Commissioner Brosseau) Ministerial Discussion 	
4:15 - 5:30 pm		Violence Against Women and Girls – Gender-based Violence Lead: Canada) National Gender-based Violence Strategy – It's Time: Canada's Strategy to Prevent and Address Gender-based Violence	Canada
	-	Gender-based Violence Survey & Indicators Ministerial Discussion	
5:30 - 5:40 pm	•	Closing remarks / Adjourn for the day	Ontario / Canada
6:30 - 8:30 pm	-	Ministers' Private Dinner GEORGE Restaurant, 111c Queen Street East, Georgian 1	
Friday, Novembe	er 10		Chair(s)
8:00 – 9:00 am		Breakfast	
9:00 - 9:10 am		Opening remarks	Ontario / Canada
9:10 - 10:45 am	v.	FPT Roundtable Discussion on Emerging Issues (Lead: All)	Canada
10:45 - 11:00 am		Break	
11:00 - 11:15 am	VI.	Confirmation of Next Co-Chair / Meeting Location	Ontario
11:15 - 11:45 am	VII.	Adoption of Record of Decision and Press Release	Ontario
11:45 - 12:00 pm		Closing remarks by Co-Chairs	Ontario / Canada
12:00 pm		FPT Meeting Adjourned - Boxed Lunch – Ministers Depart	
12:00 - 1:00 pm		Senior Officials' Lunch Meeting	Ontario / Canada

Press Release

Communiqué

Status of Women Ministers Advance Key Priorities Affecting Women and Girls

November 10, 2017 - Toronto, Ontario

Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women recognize that by working in a spirit of collaboration, they have an opportunity to help advance gender equality across Canada.

Today marked the conclusion of the 35th annual meeting of the Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women. Over the past two days, the Ministers met in Toronto and worked collaboratively to advance the key priorities affecting women and girls in Canada.

The Ministers had the opportunity to discuss many issues of importance, including the low reporting rates of sexual assaults across Canada. Ministers recognized the efforts taken by law enforcement and community groups to find ways of working together to better support survivors of sexual violence. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Waterloo Regional Police, representing the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Ending Violence Association of British Columbia were invited to present on best practices for supporting survivors to report sexual assault. The RCMP is committed to working with interested jurisdictions and communities to explore expanding third party reporting. Third party reporting is a process where a survivor may anonymously report a sexual assault through a community-based organization. The Government of Canada also shared details on *It's Time: Canada's Strategy to Prevent and Address Gender-Based Violence* and a proposed survey on gender-based violence. Ministers will continue to monitor trends in supporting survivors of sexual violence.

Ministers discussed some key priorities that this Forum has undertaken over the last year. This included research to close the gender wage gap, and promising practices to applying Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA+). Ontario presented their provincial approach to women's economic empowerment. In the same context, Ministers also agreed to further explore various models of parental leave and the impact of quotas or targets for women in leadership.

During a separate pre-meeting, for the first time, Ministers held discussions with National Indigenous leaders and representatives: the Assembly of First Nations, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Métis National Council, Native Women's Association of Canada, Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada and Women of the Métis Nation. The discussions provided an opportunity to constructively address some of the most important issues facing First Nations, Métis and Inuit women.

At the conclusion of their meeting, Ministers agreed to work together to address their shared challenges and help advance gender equality from coast to coast to coast.

Quotes

"We cannot make meaningful advancements toward gender equality without leveraging a diversity of perspectives. That's why it was so important to gather together with my provincial and territorial colleagues for the first time and I thank Ontario for co-chairing this meeting. The Government of Canada is firmly committed to working in partnership to advance the key priorities affecting women and girls to help build a better Canada, and I look forward to continued progress on many important issues."

The Honourable Maryam Monsef, P.C., M.P. Minister of Status of Women

"As Ontario's first Minister of the Status of Women, it was an honour to co-host my dedicated colleagues from across Canada. We discussed a number of important issues from advancing women's economic empowerment to preventing violence against women. Our society has made remarkable strides towards recognizing women's rights and achieving gender equality, but there's more work to do. This important meeting established the foundation for all of us to work together to ensure women and girls in Canada feel safe, supported and empowered."

The Honourable Indira Naidoo-Harris
Minister of Status of Women and Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care

Quick Facts

- This week's meeting of FPT Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women was cochaired by the Honourable Maryam Monsef, federal Minister of Status of Women, and the Honourable Indira Naidoo-Harris, Ontario Minister of the Status of Women and Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care.
- FPT Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women meet annually to share information, exchange best practices and explore issues that affect Canadian women and girls. They also discuss options for mutually-beneficial collaboration to support improved social and economic prosperity for women and girls and to prevent and address violence and abuse against women and girls.
- The next annual meeting of the FPT Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women will be hosted by Yukon in fall 2018.

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