GENDER EQUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR CANADA’S G7 PRESIDENCY

Members have been selected on the basis of their work and achievements, commitment to advancing gender equality, and capacity to influence public discourse and contribute ideas reaching beyond traditional government-to-government relations.

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MANDATE

Promote a transformative G7 agenda and support leaders and ministers in ensuring that gender equality and gender-based analysis are integrated across all themes, activities and outcomes of Canada’s G7 Presidency.
The advancement of women in social, political and economic spheres is an important aspect of our presidency. More women in leadership positions won’t just grow our economy, create jobs, and strengthen our communities. It will also lead to innovation and change in the workplace – innovation and change that workers so desperately need.

The Council is an innovative and new advisory body in the G7 landscape and is responding to a global need to amplify women’s voices and leadership.

**CANADA’S G7 PRESIDENCY**

**FIVE THEMES**

1. **Investing in growth that works for everyone**
2. **Preparing for jobs of the future**
3. **Advancing gender equality and women’s empowerment**
4. **Working together on climate change, oceans and clean energy**
5. **Building a more peaceful and secure world**

Five working groups within the Council

- A priority for the G7
- Key to unlocking the global challenges the G7 is endeavouring to address
- When women’s voices are included in discussions and decision-making, the results are more sustainable and inclusive
- Achieving gender equality depends on closing gaps among diverse groups of women, men and gender-diverse people.