

TUESDAY August 20, 2019

St. Lawrence Ballroom @ Residence Inn by Marriott, 2 Earl Street, Kingston, ON

7:15- 8:30 Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30- 8:45 Welcome and Introduction

Warren Mabee, Associate Dean and Director, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University

Margaret Biggs, Matthews Fellow in Global Public Policy, Queen's University

8:45- 10:15 **SESSION:** Trends in growth, equity and opportunity

Moderator: Stephen Davidson, Secretary of the Cabinet, Head of the Public Service and Clerk of the Executive Council, Province of Ontario
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SESSION Trends in growth, equity and opportunity

Steven Davidson became interim Secretary of the Cabinet on February 1, 2019 and was formally appointed into the role on June 20, 2019. Steven previously served as Associate Secretary of the Cabinet and Deputy Minister, Policy and Delivery, from October 2014 to January 2019. In that role, he worked with all ministries in the Ontario Public Service and the Premier's Office to establish and support delivery of the government's policy and legislative agenda.

Prior to that, Steven was Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the Deputy Minister responsible for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games. He was also the Deputy Minister Responsible for Arts from February 2016 to June 2018.

Steven has held assistant deputy minister positions at the Ministry of Tourism and Culture and the Democratic Renewal Secretariat. He has also served as Executive Coordinator of the Executive Council Office and Director of Strategic Planning.

SESSION 2 New approaches to achieving inclusive prosperity

Rachel Wernick (@wernick_rach) was appointed Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Skills and Employment Branch (SEB) at Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) on November 20, 2017. Early in her career, Rachel held a variety of policy and program positions within former versions of the Department (HRDC, HRSDC) including Employment Insurance policy and Literacy and Essential Skills programming.

Before joining ESDC, Rachel was Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, Planning and Co-Affairs at Canadian Heritage. Prior to this, Rachel held executive positions with the Privy Council Office, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, a created and led the National Fighter Procurement Secretariat within Public Works and Government Services Canada. Rachel is Co-Champion of the Clerk's Policy Community initiative, which aims to enhance supports for policy professionals across the Government of Canada.

Rachel holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with Joint Honours in Political Science and History from McGill University and a Graduate Diploma in International Development and Cooperation from the University of Ottawa. Following her graduate studies, Rachel worked with several international development organizations, including two years working in a refugee camp in Malaysia.

Valerie Cerrais is an Assistant Director and the Division Chief of the European and Middle Eastern Division of the Institute for Capacity Development at the IMF.

SESSION 6 Inclusive innovation

John Knubley recently stepped down from the Public Service, the past seven years serving as Deputy Minister with the Department of Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada (previously Industry Canada). In his role, he was responsible for the formation of the Innovation and Skills Agenda which supports innovation in the economy to address competitiveness and productivity challenges; he promoted strong regulatory and market place frameworks for Canada; and worked with businesses in general, especially small business to help address their challenges.

He has been a longstanding public servant with experience in over eight departments, including the Privy Council Office, Agriculture and AgriFood Canada, Human Resources Development Canada, Transport and Infrastructure Canada, Natural Resources Canada as well as the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. He has degrees in politics and economics from Yale, Oxford, Harvard and Nice universities

Caroline Paunov (@carolinepaunov) is Head of Secretariat for the OECD Working Party on Innovation and Technology Policy (TIP) at the Directorate for Science, Technology, and Innovation of the OECD. She manages the activities of the Working Party, a group that is composed of government officials and country experts of 40+ countries responsible for science, technology and innovation policy and that meets regularly during the year as well as at ad hoc workshops. Her work includes overseeing the Group's work on digital and open innovation, industry-science collaboration and inclusive and sustainable innovation

SESSION 4 Work and wages

Elisha Ramwas appointed Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Skills and Employment Branch (SEB) at Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) on January 28, 2018. Elisha Ram has been working in the Public Service of Canada for over 20 years. Prior to joining Employment and Social Development

SESSION Social protection: Leaving no one behind

Aki Tefera is the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Business Intelligence and Practice Division within the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. As Assistant Deputy Minister, Aki leads advanced analytical and evaluative capacity development through the integration and application of data, business intelligence and evidence-based metrics to drive social policy, planning and service delivery across ministry programming. Further through his work, Aki leads provincial-scale policy research and evaluation projects in collaboration with academia and other ministries.

Robert Moffitt (@ramoffitt3) is the Krieger-Eisenhower Professor of Economics at Johns Hopkins University and holds a joint appointment with the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Professor Moffitt's research is on the economics of poverty and welfare programs for the poor and the economics of the labor market. He has published research articles on all major U.S. welfare programs, has written surveys of their research literatures, and has edited volumes of papers summarizing those programs. He served on the National Academy of Sciences Panel on Reducing Child Poverty in the U.S. by 50 Percent in Ten Years whose Report was released in March 2019. He is a Research Affiliate at the Institute for Research on Poverty as well as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences. He currently serves as President-Elect of the Society of Labor Economists. He holds a 1975 Ph.D. in Economics from Brown University.

Mark Stabile (@StabileMark) is the Stone Chaired Professor of Wealth Inequality and Professor of Economics at INSEAD. He directs the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Centre for the Study of Wealth Inequality at INSEAD. From 2007 to 2015 he was the founding Director of the School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Toronto and Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto. He is also a Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics and a Policy Fellow at the MacArthur Prosperity Institute. From 2002 to 2005 he was the Senior Policy Advisor to the Ontario Minister of Finance, where he worked on tax, health, and education policy. He is the recipient of the Carolyn Tuohy award in Public Policy, the John Polanyi Prize in Economics, the Harry Johnson Prize from the Canadian Economics Association and an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Rotman School. His recent work focuses on inequality, poverty, child health, health care financing, and tax policy. He has advised the Governments of the United States, Canada, and Ontario, among others, on health care reform and programs to reduce child poverty. He is associate editor of the Journal of Health Economics. Professor Stabile received his Ph.D. from Columbia University and his

SESSION 6 Immigration, social integration and inclusive growth

Patricia [Pat] Walcott

SESSION 1 Citizens' aspirations and anxieties and the politics of inclusive prosperity

Graham Fox (@foxgw) is President and CEO of the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP), one of Canada's leading independent think tanks. He brings to the organization extensive executive-level experience in politics and public policy. Prior to joining the IRPP, Graham was a strategic policy adviser at the law firm of Fraser Milner Casgrain, and is a former-president of the Public Policy Forum. In politics, Graham contested the 2007 Ontario general election as a candidate in the constituency of Ottawa-Orléans. He was chief of staff to the Rt. Hon. Joe Clark, and adviser to members of Parliament in the House of Commons.

A policy entrepreneur, Graham's research inter

