



## 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ORIENTATION FOR NEWLY ARRIVED DIPLOMATS

Thursday, September 22, 2016 Carleton University

Carleton University's Initiative for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement is offering a half day orientation session for newly arrived foreign diplomats to Canada. It will take place on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at Carleton University's River Building from 8:15 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The orientation, presented in association with the Ottawa Diplomatic Association and the Parliamentary Centre, is free and open to newly arrived diplomats including but not limited to Heads of Mission, diplomats who may have missed earlier orientation, military attachés and spouses.

The detailed program follows below and features sessions on Canada's parliamentary system; diplomatic access points; Canadian business and the private sector; media, and other sources of influence; where to get information; and social and family integration. It will end with a resource fair.

**To Register:** Please email [carletonrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:carletonrsvp@gmail.com) and include:

- name, title and embassy or high commission
- contact email and telephone number; and
- name of your spouse, if attending.

An email confirmation, including room numbers, directions and parking information, will follow. The orientation sessions will be delivered in English although most participants are bilingual.

Further information on the Carleton Initiative for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement is available at [www.carleton.ca/parldiplo](http://www.carleton.ca/parldiplo)



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- 8:15 Registration and Coffee with the Deans of Carleton University**
- 8:45 Introduction and Welcome on behalf of Carleton University**  
Dr. André Plourde, Dean, Faculty of Public Affairs  
Maureen Boyd, Director, Initiative for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement
- 9:00 Session One: *Understanding Canada's Parliamentary System***  
**Remarks:**  
Honourable Geoff Regan, Speaker of the House of Commons  
**Presentation:**  
Marc Bosc, Clerk of the House of Commons  
**Subjects:**  
Tracking legislation and parliamentary business; parliamentary committees, using LEGISinfo, PARLINFO and other sources of information  
**Voices from Parliament:**  
Andrew Leslie, M.P. for Orléans and Chief Government Whip  
Hélène Laverdière, M.P. for Laurier--Sainte-Marie and NDP Critic for International Affairs  
Randy Hoback, MP for Prince Albert and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on International Trade  
**Moderator:**  
Maureen Boyd, Director, Carleton Initiative for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement
- 10:20 Welcome from the Ottawa Diplomatic Association**  
**Introduction:**  
Diana MacKay, Executive Director, Carleton University Global Academy  
His Excellency Naif Bin Bandir AlSudairy, Ambassador of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and President of the Ottawa Diplomatic Association
- 10:30 Coffee Break**
- 11:00 Session Two: *Effective Diplomacy in Ottawa - Best Practices***  
**Panelists:**  
James Baxter, Publisher, Ipolitics  
Susan Delacourt, Author, journalist and instructor at Carleton's School of Journalism and Communication  
Kristin Shane, Managing Editor, The Hill Times  
**Moderator:**  
Colin Robertson, Vice President, Canadian Global Affairs Institute  
**Subjects:**  
Diplomatic access points; media, lobbyists, associations and other sources of influence; information resources; and public diplomacy goals
- 11:50 Session Three: *Engaging with Canadian Business***  
Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce
- 12:10 Session Four: *Engaging with the National Capital Region***  
Dr. Mark Kristmanson, CEO, National Capital Commission  
His Worship Jim Watson, Mayor of Ottawa
- 12:50 Orientation Closing Remarks:**  
Dr. Roseann O'Reilly Runte, President and Vice-Chancellor, Carleton University
- 1:00 Buffet Lunch and Resource Fair**  
Resource Fair participants include the Cities of Ottawa and Gatineau and other government and private organizations that provide services to diplomats in areas such as education, tourism, culture, recreation, public policy information, volunteering, and children's issues
- 2:00 Orientation Ends**