

**There is a critical need for thoughtful and open-minded discussion on how we respond to the important challenges that we face in our day-to-day work. I hope this year's Forum will provide us all with a valuable opportunity to share our thoughts on those issues we see as priorities for our respective governments and countries.**

**Now, turning to this morning's programme, it is with great pleasure that I introduce to you today Canada's new Minister of Foreign Affairs, John Manley.**