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Abbie Dann was born in Montreal, Quebec. She did her undergraduate studies at McGill University ( Joint Honours in History and Political Science ) and later received a Master of Arts (International Relations and Canadian Politics) from Carleton University in Ottawa. She was a federal Parliamentary Intern from 1978-79 and became a Foreign Service Officer with the Government of Canada in 1980.

Ms. Dann then served in a number of posts abroad - Sao Paulo (1981-84), The Hague ( 1984-86) and she opened the Canadian Government Trade Office in Bombay ( 1986-88). On return to HQ in Ottawa, she was Deputy Director of the Media Relations Office and acted as the Press Secretary to the Minister of International Trade ( 1988-89).

She was then appointed Official Departmental Spokesperson and Press Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs (1989-91). From 1991-92 she went to Harvard University as an International Fellow at the Centre for International Affairs and was posted to New York as Consul and Senior Trade Commissioner ( 1992-1995).

Ms. Dann returned to Ottawa to serve as Director - Foreign Policy Communications ( 1995- 96) and for language training ( 1997-98). She was then named Director of Communications for the Summit of the Americas process (1999- 2001), taking up her current assignment as Director of European Business Development and Connectivity Initiatives in September 2001.



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