

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

As the new Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, I am pleased to present the seventh annual *Report to Parliament on the Government of Canada's Official Development Assistance*.

The 2014–2015 Report highlights the efforts of sixteen Government of Canada departments and agencies in the delivery of international development assistance. It also describes the crucial role played by Canadian civil society and our numerous global partners in this effort. It demonstrates that by working together, Canadians can help make the world a better place.

Canada's newly elected government will fully engage with Canadian and international development communities to guide our approach to reducing poverty and inequality. We will ensure that Canada's official development assistance will champion the values of inclusivity and peaceful pluralism. Canada will continue to promote respect for human rights, including the rights of women and refugees, as we exercise international leadership.

We know that much work remains to be done in order to achieve the world's common goal of effectively alleviating poverty and global suffering. This includes fighting climate change, which threatens the achievement of long-term development results. Our Government is committed to supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through both innovative and proven practices.

To achieve this goal, our fundamentals need to be strong. We will ensure that Canada's resources are allocated and disbursed for maximum effectiveness. We will ensure that our international assistance is driven by evidence-based decision-making and outcomes. And throughout, we will ensure accountability to Canadians.

I am delighted to have this opportunity to work with the Department, alongside our Canadian and international development partners, to achieve these objectives.



The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, P.C., M.P.

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