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Danielle Labonté is presently Director General, Strategic Priorities and Planning in the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). In this capacity, Ms. Labonté leads the renewal of the departmental *Strategic Plan* and its *Sustainable Development Strategy*. She is also responsible for ensuring linkages between DFO's policy priorities and the broader government-wide policy agenda.

Since 1982, Ms. Labonté has served in diverse capacities within the federal public service. During the late 1990s, at the Privy Council Office, she contributed to the drafting of the *Speech from the Throne* and advanced a number of priority files by working closely with her client department, Natural Resources Canada, on issues including energy, forestry and minerals. During two stints at Human Resources Development Canada, she played a significant role in the 1995 structural reform of the Employment Insurance program, the development of the Youth Employment Strategy, and later had responsibilities for the delivery of employment programs involving over \$2B of annual spending. Throughout the 1980s, she held various positions as a policy advisor in the energy sector of Natural Resources Canada.

Ms. Labonté holds a Bachelor of Commerce with Honours from Carleton University. She was born in Trenton, Ontario and has lived in a variety of locations in Quebec, Ontario and Germany.