



"I'm proud to represent my country as I travel the world, but my heart is always back in Canada."

Cindy Klassen, six-time Canadian Olympic medallist, speed skating

Nothing had prepared Mylène for the many challenges of a foreign workplace. As a Canadian businesswoman, she was offended that most female employees played a secondary role. When she participated in business meetings, some men would pretend to listen to her and then ask who was in charge. Her male colleagues would compliment her physical appearance in an attempt to smooth communications, but ignore her professional accomplishments. It took time, but Mylène learned to handle these conflicts politely and firmly and to view once demoralizing obstacles as mere challenges.

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