Individual Action Plan (2016)

Economy: Canada

The following are the details of the fields and figures of ratio of women representation in leadership. Overall, in Canada, the number of women elected and appointed to different levels of public decision-making roles has increased.

- Number of women (15) in Canada’s federal cabinet: 50% (2016)
- Governor-in-Council appointed positions: 31% (2014)
- Municipal councilors: 26% (2015)
- Mayors: 16% (2015)
- Supreme Court of Canada judges: 44.4% (2015).
- Senior Officer positions at Financial Post 500 companies: 18% (2013).
- All management positions described as Director level and above: 45.3% (2014)
- All senior management positions (Director General and above): 23.9% (2014)
- Women held 18.1% of and 6.9% of senior officer top earner positions at public companies: (2013).
- In both 2011 and 2013, nearly one-fifth of all companies had 25% or more women board members.
- Executive roles by women at Canada’s largest private bank-Royal Bank of Canada: 37% (2014)
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✓ The voluntary goals will be reviewed by each economy in the process of developing Interim report.