8TH ANNUAL ORIENTATION
FOR NEWLY ARRIVED DIPLOMATS

Monday, September 24, 2018 Carleton University

Carleton University’s Initiative for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement is offering a half day orientation session for newly arrived foreign diplomats to Canada. It will take place on Monday, September 24, 2018 at Carleton University’s Richcraft Hall from 8:15 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The orientation, presented in association with the Ottawa Diplomatic Association and the Parliamentary Centre, is free and open to newly arrived diplomats including but not limited to Heads of Mission, diplomats who may have missed earlier orientation, military attachés and spouses.

The detailed program follows below and features sessions on Canada’s parliamentary system; diplomatic access points; public opinion trends, media and other sources of influence; where to get information; and social and family integration. It will end with a resource fair.

To Register: Please email carletonrsvp@gmail.com and include:
- name, title and embassy or high commission
- contact email and telephone number; and
- name of your spouse, if attending.

An email confirmation, including room numbers, directions and parking information, will follow. The orientation sessions will be delivered in English although most participants are bilingual.

Further information on the Carleton Initiative for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement is available at www.carleton.ca/parldiplo
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8:15 Registration and Coffee with the Deans of Carleton University

8:45 Introduction and Welcome on behalf of Carleton University
Karen Schwartz, Associate Interim Vice President, Research and International
Maureen Boyd, Director, Initiative for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement

9:00 Session One: Understanding Canada’s Parliamentary System
Remarks:
The Honourable Geoff Regan, Speaker of the House of Commons
Presentation:
Charles Robert, Clerk of the House of Commons
Subjects:
Tracking legislation and parliamentary business; parliamentary committees, using LEGISinfo, PARLINFO and other sources of information
Voices from Parliament:
The Honourable Andrew Leslie, M.P. for Orléans and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Honourable Erin O’Toole, M.P. for Durham and Official Opposition Critic for International Affairs
Nathan Cullen, M.P. for Skeena-Bulkley Valley, NDP Critic for Democratic Reform and BC Liaison
Moderator:
Maureen Boyd, Director, Carleton Initiative for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Engagement

10:20 Coffee Break

10:45 Session Two: The Diplomatic Community in Ottawa
Mona Fortier, M.P. for Ottawa Vanier
Mary Anne Dehler, Deputy Chief of Protocol for Canada and Director, Diplomatic Corps Services
Representative, Ottawa Diplomatic Association to be confirmed
Jean Paul Ruszkowski, CEO, Parliamentary Centre

11:15 Session Three: Understanding Public Opinion Trends
Nik Nanos, Chief Data Scientist, Nanos Research

11:40 Session Four: Effective Diplomacy in Ottawa – Best Practices
Panelists:
James Baxter, Publisher, Ipolitics
Susan Delacourt, Author, journalist and instructor at Carleton’s School of Journalism and Communication
Kristen Shane, Managing Editor, The Hill Times
Moderator:
Colin Robertson, Vice-President, Canadian Global Affairs Institute
Subjects:
Diplomatic access points; media, lobbyists, associations and other sources of influence; information resources; and public diplomacy goals

12:25 Session Five: Engaging with the National Capital Region
Dr. Mark Kristmanson, CEO, National Capital Commission
His Worship Jim Watson, Mayor of Ottawa

12:55 Orientation Closing Remarks:
Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon, President and Vice-Chancellor, Carleton University

1:00 Buffet Lunch and Resource Fair
Resource Fair participants include government and private organizations that provide services to diplomats in areas such as education, tourism, culture, recreation, public policy information, volunteering, and children’s issues

2:00 Orientation Ends