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Jodi White is President of the Public Policy Forum, an independent, national, not-for-profit organization with a mandate to promote better public policy and better public management through dialogue among leaders from the public, private, labour and voluntary sectors.

Ms. White's career combines experience in journalism, in politics and government, in the private sector and in international affairs.

As a journalist, she spent six years at the CBC, first as a television news reporter and subsequently as a network radio producer.

Her experience in government and politics includes positions as chief of staff to the Minister of External Affairs (1984 – 1988) and chief of staff to the Prime Minister (1993).

From 1994 – 2000 Ms. White was vice-president, Corporate Affairs, at Imasco Ltd. in Montreal where she was responsible for issues management and strategic positioning across the spectrum of public affairs, government relations and public policy. From 2000 – 2003 she was president of Sydney House, a public affairs consulting firm.

Ms. White has been and continues to be an active participant on a number of boards including Chair of the National Theatre School, Woodrow Wilson Center's Canada Institute Advisory Board, the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, the Southern Africa Education Trust Fund, Bishop's University and the Ottawa General Hospital. She served on the board of the Public Policy Forum from 1989 – 1998, including three years as chair, and has participated as both a member and chair of numerous juries for national awards including the Pearson Peace Medal, the Hy Solomon Award for Public Policy Journalism and the Michener award for journalism studies.

Ms. White is a graduate of the University of Toronto with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Carleton University with an honours Bachelor of Journalism.