

Daniel Watson

Deputy Minister, Western Economic Diversification Canada



Daniel was appointed Deputy Minister for Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) on July 16, 2009.

Before this appointment Daniel was Associate Deputy Minister at WD. Previously, he was Senior Assistant Deputy Minister at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Assistant Deputy Minister at WD Saskatchewan Region, and Director General at the Department of Justice.

Prior to joining the federal public service, he worked for both the British Columbia and the Saskatchewan governments, gaining extensive experience in policy, Aboriginal issues and intergovernmental affairs.

A graduate of the University of British Columbia, Mr. Watson sat on a number of government committees, including the Saskatchewan Federal Council, the Assistant Deputy Ministers' Forum.

WD promotes the development and diversification of the western Canadian economy and advances the interests of the West in national economic policy. Western Economic Diversification Canada works to strengthen western innovation, entrepreneurship and community economic development. Daniel is based in WD Headquarters in Edmonton.