

Monique Collette

President, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency



Monique Collette assumed the responsibilities of President of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) on May 31, 2003, becoming the first former employee to lead the Agency.

Ms. Collette began her public service career in 1974 with the Department of the Secretary of State in Moncton, New Brunswick. She subsequently held several positions within the Department, including Regional Director for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and Director General, Regional Operations, in Ottawa.

She returned to New Brunswick in 1987 to support the newly created ACOA. Her duties with the Agency included terms as Executive Assistant to the President, Corporate Secretary, Director General of Co-ordination, and Vice-President for Prince Edward Island.

Ms. Collette left the Agency in 1996 to assume the role of Director General, Communications, with Human Resources Development Canada in Ottawa. She later moved to the Department of Justice where she served as Executive Director of the National Crime Prevention Centre, and later as Assistant Deputy Minister, Integration, with responsibility for advancing the department's strategic direction including key areas such as diversity and gender equality, the Office of Conflict Management, and the federal Centre for Workplace Conflict Management. She was appointed as the department's Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services, in November 2002.

A native of New Brunswick, Ms. Collette was educated in Grande-Digue and Edmundston, and is a graduate of the Université de Moncton. She was conferred an Honoris Causa by the Université de Moncton and is a graduate of the Institute of Corporate Directors.