



Biographical Outline **Joanne Thibault**

Joanne Thibault is the Executive Director of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment. Although rooted in the Canadian Prairies since the late 1960s, Joanne lived her early years in Sudbury Ontario in the midst of air quality issues that gave rise to the work of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment.

With the diverse experience she gained as a labour representative and the owner of retail and library book operations, Joanne entered the public sector in 1990 as the Special Assistant to the Minister of Family Services. Since 1992 Joanne has lead a number of strategic public sector initiatives, including participation on Manitoba sustainable development working groups and projects.

Joanne is a graduate of the University of Manitoba – University of Winnipeg Joint Program with a Masters of Public Administration (MPA). For her undergraduate degree (B.A. Economics) Joanne was awarded the Gold Medal for highest standing.

A lifelong volunteer leader, Joanne has contributed her energy and talent to the Aga Khan Foundation of Canada and Habitat for Humanity, among many others. Joanne, an alumnus of the Governor General's Canadian Study Conference and Leadership Winnipeg, also volunteers time and expertise to the Institute of Public Administration of Canada.