

Canada's Labour Minister meets with key stakeholders to discuss issues related to women in the workforce ^[1]

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Calgary, Alberta, January 16, 2012-The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Canada's Minister of Labour, today hosted a round table with key stakeholders on the issue of women in the workforce. This round table comes as a follow-up to a series of meetings conducted by the Minister last summer on the same topic.

"We continue to work closely with our partners to better understand the challenges women face in today's evolving workplaces," said Minister Raitt. "I would like to thank all the participants for sharing their comments and best practices because it is by working together that a model for fair, respectful and healthy workplaces for women can be achieved."

The round table was an opportunity for the Minister to hold open dialogues with key stakeholders and seek their input on a number of issues faced by women in the workplace.

These round tables highlight the Government of Canada's commitment to improving fairness for women in the workforce and its ongoing efforts to create productive work environments and a stronger economy.

The Labour Program develops, administers and enforces workplace legislation and regulations, including the *Employment Equity Act* and the *Canada Labour Code*, which covers industrial relations, health and safety and employment standards.

These laws apply to federally regulated workers and employers.

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