## **Permanent Delegation of Canada to the OECD**

## **Delegate's Guide**

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# Welcome to the Permanent Delegation of Canada to the OECD!

The OECD promotes sustainable economic growth. Every year over 700 Canadians come to the OECD headquarters to move forward the work of the Organisation's 216 Committees and working groups.

We work together to gather knowledge and develop best practices to improve Canadian public policy. We exchange views and share experience with member and non-member countries. We ensure that Canadian ideas and priorities are advanced in OECD work. We seek to extend our influence by sharing policy expertise in areas where Canada is a top OECD performer.

This brochure outlines how the Delegation works and provides helpful information for visiting delegates.

## **HOW DOES THE OECD WORK?**

The OECD is the world's largest and most reliable source of comparable statistical, economic and social data. It provides objective comparative analysis of members' policies and performance, develops best practices, and undertakes peer reviews on a wide variety of key economic, social, and environmental policy issues. It develops guidelines and agreements to better harmonize policies across the OECD and beyond, and also undertakes analysis and outreach in selected non-member countries. To achieve this, the organization pursues:

- 1 International benchmarking and peer reviews
  - by measuring, ranking, rating and evaluating policies and performance of member and non-member economies. Peer reviews assess the performance of a State by other States with the goal of helping the reviewed State improve its policies, adopt best practices and comply with established standards.
- Public policy research by breaking new research ground (in areas such as health, education, agriculture trade and innovation) and advancing knowledge (in areas such as ageing, migration, aid effectiveness, job creation, structural adjustment).
- Softlaw-by promoting common international practices in areas such as taxation, corporate governance and export credits.

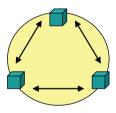
The Council, the organisation's governing board, is composed of an ambassador from each member country. Its function is to provide guidance and oversight to the organisation and its work. The European Commission also has a representative to the Council.

Council is supported by three standing committees: the Executive Committee, the Budget Committee and the External Relations Committee

#### COUNCIL

#### Oversight and strategic direction

Ambassadors of member countries and the European Commission; Decisions taken by consensus.



#### **COMMITTEES**

#### Discussion and implementation

Representatives of member countries and of countries with Observer status work with the OECD Secretariat on specific issues.

## **SECRETARIAT**

## Analysis and proposals

Secretary-General; Deputy Secretary-Generals; Directorates.

## **CANADA AND THE OECD**

As one of the 19 founding members of the OECD, Canada contributes to the Organisation's goal of promoting sustained economic growth.

Canada uses the OECD as a key forum to discuss international and domestic social and economic issues. OECD peer reviews assess Canadian policies and provide useful recommendations to improve performance. OECD benchmarking studies examine how Canadian performance compares to other OECD countries. Recent peer reviews and benchmarking studies include:

- Development
- The Canadian Economy
- OECD Health Data 2007 How does Canada compare?

Canada ranks 8th in terms of assessed contributions to the OECD, paying 3.4% of members' contributions for 2007. The total value of Canada's annual contributions is approximately €10 million, roughly C\$15 million.

## **MEMBER COUNTRIES**

**SWEDEN** 

TURKEY

**SWITZERLAND** 

UNITED KINGDOM

LINITED STATES

1961 AUSTRIA **ICELAND** BELGIUM IRELAND CANADA LUXEMBOURG DENMARK NETHERLANDS FRANCE NORWAY **GERMANY** PORTUGAL GREECE SPAIN 1962 ITALY 1964 JAPAN 1969 FINLAND AUSTRALIA 1971 1973 NEW ZEALAND 1994 **MEXICO** 1995 CZECH REPUBLIC 1996 HUNGARY KOREA POLAND SLOVAK REPUBLIC

## **ROLE & MISSION**

The Permanent Delegation is comprised of an Ambassador, Mister Paul-Henri Lapointe and a team of diplomats and locally engaged employees. The overriding objective of the Permanent Delegation is to ensure a coherent and coordinated approach to the OECD reflecting the priorities across the entire Canadian government.

The Delegation strikes to maximise the utility of the OECD to Canadian policy makers by:

- Advancing Canadian views and positions within the Organisation
- Managing the OECD's institutional governance by representing Canada in the administrative bodies of the Organisation (Council, Budget Committee, External Relations Committee, Executive Committee)
- Supporting Canadian delegates attending OECD meetings
- Increasing public knowledge of the role of the OECD in the international architecture and Canada's role in the OECD

## ENLARGEMENT & ENHANCED ENGAGEMENT

At the 2007 OECD Ministerial meeting, OECD members took a bold decision to enlarge the Organisation's membership and increase relations with the major emerging economies. The Organisation has begun accession discussions with Chile, Estonia, Israel, the Russian Federation and Slovenia. The OECD will also increase its global reach by building relations with China, India, Brazil, Indonesia and South Africa through "enhanced engagement" programmes with a view to future membership. By building cooperation with new players, the OECD will increase its policy impact and relevance and improve its ability to promote economic, commercial and social policy convergence.

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REGISTERING FOR MEETINGS

## **BEFORE YOU COME...**

#### **HOTELS**

Delegates are requested to make their own hotel bookings with the hotel of their choice. A list of hotels in the vicinity of the OECD with which the Delegation has negotiated rates is provided below. To benefit from these rates simply indicate when making your reservation that you are a Canadian delegate attending OECD meetings or ask for embassy rates. Reservations can be made by contacting the hotel directly or via online hotel booking systems. If you have a particular need or are having difficulty finding a room, feel free to contact us and we will do our best to help. Please contact the Delegation to get a more exhaustive list of hotels.

## poecd@international.qc.ca

Alexander	102, Av. Victor Hugo	T: 01.56.90.61.00	215€
4*	75016 Paris	F: 01.56.90.61.01	
Plaza Tour Eiffel	32, rue Greuze	T: 01.47.27.10.00	160€
4*	75116 Paris	F: 01.47.27.47.10	
Gavarni	5, rue Gavarni	T: 01.45.24.52.82	99€, 130€,
3*	75116 Paris	F: 01.40.50.16.95	150€
Hameau de Passy	48, rue de Passy	T: 01.42.88.47.55	114€, 125€
2*	75016 Paris	F: 01.42.30.83.72	
Passy Eiffel 3*	10, rue de Passy 75016 Paris	T: 01.45.25.55.66 F: 01.42.88.89.88	135€, 145€,
Trocadéro Hotel La Tour 3*	5bis, rue Massenet 75116 Paris	T: 01.45.24.43.03 F: 01.45.24.41.39	129€. 149€

## **REGISTERING FOR MEETINGS**

To attend Committee meetings at the OECD you must register through the Delegation. Please send an email to the Delegation with the name and date of the OECD event you plan on attending and we will register you in the OECD's Events Management System (EMS). Upon arrival in at the meeting venue, you may pick up your badge upon presentation of valid ID. Your badge should be returned to the OECD at the end of your meeting.

## poecd@international.gc.ca

## **DURING YOUR STAY ...**

#### **Taxis**

The Delegation would be pleased to help you reserve taxis and shuttles (for transport to the Tour Europe). Please contact Christine Goram with your local transportation needs.

## poecd@international.gc.ca

Taxi stands

 Henri Martin/Flandrin:
 01.45.04.00.00

 La Muette:
 01.42.88.00.00

 Trocadéro:
 01.47.27.00.00

 Place Victor Hugo:
 01.45.53.00.11

Taxi companies

**Taxis Bleus:** 01.49.36.10.10 **Taxis G7:** 01.47.39.47.39

## **HOW TO GET TO THE DELEGATION**

## By Car

Take the Boulevard Périphérique and exit "Porte de la Muette". Follow the Avenue de Saint Cloud and continue on the Place de Colombie (on your left). Then turn right the Rue de Franqueville.

From the airport:
30 min from Orly Airport
40 min from Roissy-Charles-de-Gaulle Airport

#### By metro

## Line 9, Stop "La Muette"

Take the Chaussée de la Muette on your left, then turn right at the Rue d'Andigné (follow the signs for the OCDE). At the end of the road turn right on Rue Albérie Magnard and then left on Rue de Franqueville.

## By RER

## RER C, Stop "Avenue Henri Martin"

When leaving the station, turn right and walk along Avenue Henri Martin. Then take the Rue de Franqueville (2nd street on the left).

## **CHÂTEAU DE LA MUETTE**

Take the same route as indicated above to get to the Delegation. The Château is located 300 meters further on.



**OECD, Château de la Muette** 2, rue André Pascal, Paris 16



## ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION & DEVELOPMENT



## **HOW TO GET TO TOUR EUROPE**

#### **By** shuttle

#### From La Muette

8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 14:30, 15:30, 17:00.

Call 01 45 24 75 39

24 hours in advance to reserve.

### From Tour Europe:

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 14:30, 15:30, 16:30, 17:30.

Call 01 45 24 93 18 to reserve.

#### By taxi

Ask for "La Défense 2". There is a drop off area just below Tour Europe where taxis can stop level -2. The Tour Europe security desk on that level will call OECD security to grant access.

## By metro

Take line 1 – exit "Esplanade de la Défense". From the «Esplanade de la Défense», walk towards the Grande Arche. The Tour Europe is situated on the right in La Défense 2. When you reach the restaurant Le Monde, 1 place des Corolles, take a hard right and Tour Europe is straight ahead.

## By RER

Take RER A to "Grande Arche de la Défense", 'Sortie F' and with the Grande Arche behind you, walk back towards Paris. The Tour Europe is situated on the left in La Défense 2. When you reach the restaurant Le Monde, 1 place des Corolles, take a hard left and Tour Europe is straight ahead.



**OECD - LA DÉFENSE SITE** 

## AT THE DELEGATION

## **Meeting space**

AT THE DELEGATION

The Delegation has two meeting rooms that can be used by Delegates depending on availability.



#### **The Conference Room**

Large board room that can comfortably seat up to 18 people. White board and possibility of setting up PowerPoint presentation equipment and teleconference equipment.



## **The Library**

Small seating area with sofa and chairs, small table that can comfortably seat six. Possibility of setting up teleconference equipment.



## Library

You are welcome to visit our downstairs library containing the latest OECD Publications. You will find statistics from the last 3 years and general studies from the last 5 years.



## Computers

The Delegation has two offices that can be used by delegates during their stay. We have two SIGNET posts for DFAIT employees and two "stand-alones". Each post is equipped with Internet access and software (Microsoft Office, WordPerfect, Corel). You can connect your USB key, recharge your Blackberry, print your documents...



## **Telephones**

Signal an emergency	2222
Contact the receptionist	2090
Call another post	Dial the 4 figures
Call a local number in Paris	9 + 01 + the number with 8 figures
Call the EMS	9 + 15
Call the POLICE	9 + 17
Call the FIREMEN	9 +18
INTERURBAN CALLS	
Call a post at Ottawa (Government)	8 + 7 numbers
Call the metropolitan region of Ottawa/Hull (non-government)	Dial 8 + 1 (613) + 7 figures Dial 8 + 1 (819) + 7 figures
Call Canada and USA	Dial 8 + 1 + regional code + 7 figures
Call a number in France	Dial 9 + number
Call an international number	Dial 9 + 00 + country code + number
Call a Canadian mission on MITNET	Dial 8 + 7 figures

## **WHERE TO EAT**

#### **RESTAURANTS**

Just a few steps away from the Passy shopping area, you will find a wide selection of restaurants.

Original and amusing setting. As its name indicates, this restaurant-pub was once a train station. Very pleasant with a large patio. Good for a business meal. Try the home-made purée.

Between 18€ and 40€

Very elegant with its wonderful decor thanks to the design of Philippe Starck and the architect Laurent Taïeb. The name fits the place... Bon c'est bon.

Lunch menu : 25€ Between 30€ and 60€

Between 15€ and 20€

Classic French cuisine with excellent salads, quiches and steaks. The service is friendly and efficient. For a quick lunch order the "Plat du jour".

This restaurant proposes, in a friendly and lively decor, a genuine fresh cuisine from the French land and markets. Simple meals at prices between 15€ and 30€. Fixed menu 15€.

#### LA GARE

French 19, Chaussée de la Muette Tel : 01.42.15.15.31

#### BON

Inventive cuisine 25, rue de la Pompe Tel: 01.40.72.70.00

## LE MOZART

French 12, avenue Mozart Tel : 01.45.27.62.4<mark>5</mark>

## LE BISTROT DES VIGNES

French
1, rue Jean Bologne
Tel: 01.45.27.76.64

#### **COMME DES POISSONS**

Japanese 24, rue de la Tour Tel : 01 45 20 70 37 A small restaurant that proposes delicious dishes of perfect quality! Specialised in sushi and shashimi.

Between 15€ and 30€.

#### **LE BISTRO DE LA MUETTE**

Traditional 8, Chaussée de la Muette Tel : 01.45.03.14.84 A newly renovated elegant bistrot three blocks away from the OECD with two lunch set menus - 24 € and 34€ for a three course meal, coffee and drink.

#### **BAKERIES RESTAURANTS**

For a quick bite to eat at lunchtime or snack... Take away or tearoom.

### MICHEL GEFFROY

8, Chaussée de la Muette Tel : 01.42.88.21.50 Boulangerie-pâtisserie but also a restaurant. This establishment offers sandwiches, hot meal and large salads. Try the grilled entrecôte.

Between 5€ and 20€

## À LA FLUTE ENCHANTEE

7, avenue Mozart Tel :01.45.27.05.92 Picnic in the Parc de la Muette? This bakery has delicious sandwiches and desserts. There's a bit of a wait at rush time but it is well worth it. Small cosy tearoom. Between 5€ and 20€

## **YAMAZAKI FRANCE**

6, Chaussée de la Muette Tel: 01.40.50.19.19 This Franco-Japanese bakery offers a selection of fresh or hot sandwiches, salads, and a wonderful choice of sweets. Take away or tearoom. Chocoholics must try the Opéra. Between 5€ and 20€

## **STAY IN CONTACT**

#### **Your OLIS account**

OLIS is a free information service for Member country officials and other authorised organisations/agencies. It provides access to Committee meeting documents, related event information, and OECD publications and statistical products.

If you do not already have an OLIS account, please contact the librarian to help you obtain access to this indispensable OECD information tool.

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## **The Newsletter**

Are you interested in receiving the Canadian Delegation's monthly newsletter with updates on OECD publications and events? Are there upcoming OECD events that you would like to publicize in the Delegation's Newsletter sent to over 500 Canadian government officials active in OECD work? To subscribe or submit news items, please contact:

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## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

Canadian Delegation www.canada-oecd.gc.ca

OECD

www.oecd.org

Canadian Embassy in France www.amb-canada.fr

Bus, Metro, RER, Tramway www.ratp.fr

Local maps www.mappy.fr

Weather www.lachainemeteo.com

Air Canada www.aircanada.com

Tourism in Paris www.parisinfo.com **USEFUL WEBSITES** 

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