

# How Can We Govern Canada Ethically?

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- 1) Introduction
  - History of Canadian model of ethics
  - The current Canadian landscape (federal/provincial/territorial)
  - The roles of all Officers/agents of Parliament – seek to ensure ethical governance by holding elected and appointed officials to account on behalf of Canadians, within their purview (ethics, lobbying, elections, audit etc.)
- 2) Mandate and approach
  - The OCIEC relationship to Parliament (status and independence)
  - The mandate of the Office (administer Act and Code)
  - The activities of the Office in support of the mandate
  - The organization and resourcing of the Office
- 3) Key elements of Act and Code
  - Reporting Requirements
  - Rules of Conduct
  - Preventive tools
  - Enforcement
  - Processes for change (five year reviews etc.)
- 4) Ways in which the conflict of interest and ethics regimes may be improved
  - Strengths of current regimes (Act and Code)
  - Weaknesses of current regimes (Act and Code)
  - Recommendations (five year reviews of both Act and Code)
- 5) Wrap-up discussion and questions