

Canada 2020 Fact Sheet

Canada 2020 is a leading, independent, progressive think tank. Our objective is to inform and influence debate, to identify progressive policy solutions, and to help redefine federal government for a modern Canada.

- Founded at a thinker's conference in 2006 by Tim Barber, Susan Smith, Eugene Lang and Thomas Pitfield, Canada 2020 is the only forum in Ottawa that regularly convenes **300-400 people**.
- Since 2006, Canada 2020 has hosted over **60 public and private events** to capacity crowds in Ottawa, Toronto, and Washington D.C. Our public events are free of charge, live-streamed and archived onto our website, www.canada2020.ca.
- Canada 2020 maintains communication with **over 5,000** subscribers, participants, volunteers and members, with a growing and vibrant social media presence on Twitter ([@Canada2020](https://twitter.com/Canada2020)) and Facebook ([Canada2020](https://www.facebook.com/Canada2020)).
- Canada 2020 has hosted the biggest thought-leaders in policy from around the world, including: Martin Wolf, Ian Bremmer, Governor General David Johnston, US Ambassador David Jacobson, Dominic Barton, Niall Ferguson, Jeffrey Sachs, Vice President Al Gore, Salman Rushdie, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, Rory Stewart, Mark Carney, Dr. Kenneth Rogoff, Dr. Eric Topol, Larry Summers, and many more. [View the full list here.](#)

“Canada 2020 has established itself as one of Canada’s most respected forums for policy discussion and as Ottawa’s liveliest salon. It has become an important institution without becoming self-important.”

Mark Cameron, former Senior Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Harper

- In 2009, **Don Newman**, Order of Canada and award-winning broadcast journalist, joined the organization as Chair of the Canada 2020 Advisory Board. Don plays a key role moderating our public panels and events.
- Canada 2020 is actively influencing the policy debate, hosting at our events senior policy and decision makers from across the political, public and corporate spectrum. Presidents, CEOs, Senior Vice Presidents, Ministers, Deputy Ministers and leading academics, columnists and journalists regularly participate in, comment upon and promote our events.
- In 2011, Canada 2020 published its first book entitled [*The Canada We Want in 2020: Toward a strategic policy roadmap for the federal government*](#). Edited by Canada 2020's Vice President of Research, Oxford-educated economist **Diana Carney**, the book features contributions by leading practitioners from the fields of business, academia and the non-governmental sector. Canada 2020's 2012 Speaker Series opened the debate on the issues in the book. Our 2013 Speaker Series will deepen the discussion.