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Roberta Jamieson Elected to CPRN Board of Directors

Ottawa, ON – Roberta Jamieson, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Canadian Policy Research Networks (CPRN), Board Chair Courtney Pratt has announced.

“We are extremely proud to have Roberta Jamieson join CPRN’s Board of Directors,” said Mr. Pratt. “Ms. Jamieson’s extensive national leadership experience working with governments, business and the non-profit sector on issues of social justice, conflict resolution and organizational change offers CPRN a unique and important perspective in developing public policy advice for Canadians.



Ms. Jamieson has a distinguished record of accomplishment and public service. She is the first First Nations woman to earn a law degree, the first non-parliamentarian to be appointed an ex-officio member of a House of Commons Committee, the first woman to be appointed Ombudsman of Ontario, and the first woman elected Chief of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.

She received the Order of Canada in 1994 and has received a National Aboriginal Achievement Award (Law and Justice 1998), and the Indigenous Bar Association’s highest award, the Indigenous Peoples Council Award (IPC).

“I am pleased to join CPRN’s Board of Directors and look forward to the successful development of its public policy research program,” said Ms. Jamieson. “These are challenging times for our governments and CPRN’s work in engaging Canadians on the social and economic issues we face offers important and innovative public policy ideas for governments to consider. I look forward to advancing CPRN’s important work in Canada.”

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To view Roberta Jamieson’s full biography, go to www.cprn.org/people.cfm?person=788&l=en.

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The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF) is a nationally registered non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to deliver programs that provide the tools necessary for Aboriginal peoples, especially youth, to achieve their potential. Since 1985, the foundation, through its Education Program, has awarded more than \$32 million in scholarships and bursaries to more than 8,400 First Nations, Inuit and Métis students nationwide.