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Canada is a country in North America. Its [ten provinces and three territories](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Provinces_and_territories_of_Canada) extend from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean and northward into the Arctic Ocean, making it the world's [second-largest country by total area](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_and_dependencies_by_area), with the [world's longest coastline](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_length_of_coastline). [Its border with the United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada%E2%80%93United_States_border) is the world's longest international land border. The country is characterized by a wide range of both meteorological and [geological](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geography_of_Canada) regions. It is [a sparsely inhabited country](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Population_of_Canada) of 40 million people, the vast majority residing south of the [55th parallel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/55th_parallel_north) in [urban areas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_the_largest_population_centres_in_Canada). Canada's capital is [Ottawa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ottawa) and [its three largest metropolitan areas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_census_metropolitan_areas_and_agglomerations_in_Canada) are [Toronto](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toronto), [Montreal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Montreal), and [Vancouver](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vancouver).

Canada is one of the world’s leaders in supporting gender equality. Canada’s tenfold increase in funding during the first year of UN Women in 2011 was a crucial show of support to the new organization and Canada’s ongoing partnership remains essential to effecting change for women and girls everywhere.

**Women’s Political Empowerment and Leadership**

With help from the Government of Canada, UN Women is working to improve and strengthen the participation of women as political leaders, as agents of change, and as peace builders in West and Central Africa.

**Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces**

The city of Winnipeg was the first Canadian metropolis to participate in the UN Women Flagship Global Initiative on Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces in December 2013, together with Manitoba Status of Women, aboriginal-led organizations, and other community partners.

**Alliances with Canadian companies**

The secret sector is a key partner for advancing gender equality and empowering women. Canadian companies, such as Bombardier, Deloitte Canada, Goldcorp, Mountain Equipment, Schneider Electric and Sleegers Kirkwood-Pearce have demonstrated their commitment to advancing gender equality through signing the CEO Statement of Support for the Women’s Empowerment Principles.

As Canada here are some of the key ways to end discrimination:

1. Education: Promote equal access to education for all genders. This includes not only ensuring that girls have the same opportunities as boys to attend school but also challenging gender stereotypes within educational curricula and promoting education about gender equality.

2. Economic Empowerment: Implement initiatives to promote economic opportunities for women, including access to credit, land rights, and entrepreneurship programs. Closing the gender pay gap and increasing women's participation in traditionally male-dominated fields can also help promote economic empowerment.

3. Healthcare: Ensure access to healthcare services that address the specific needs of all genders, including reproductive health services, maternal healthcare, and mental health support.

4. Media and Culture: Challenge gender stereotypes and promote positive representations of all genders in the media, advertising, and popular culture. This can help shift societal attitudes and norms around gender roles and expectations.

5. Empowering Women in Leadership: Increase the representation of women in leadership positions in politics, business, academia, and other sectors. This not only provides role models for tomorrow generations but also ensures that women's voices are heard in decision-making processes.

6. Global Cooperation: Collaborate with international organizations and civil society groups to share best exercise, resources, and expertise in promoting gender equality on a global scale.