

# International Trade Minister to promote Canada's progressive trade agenda at OECD ministerial meeting

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Canada is committed to ensuring that the benefits of international trade and investment are broadly shared and create growth, opportunities and good middle-class jobs for people everywhere.

On June 7 and 8, 2017, the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade, will attend the 2017 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Ministerial Council Meeting in Paris, France. At the meeting, Minister Champagne will engage in multilateral sessions and bilateral meetings with his international counterparts to advance a progressive trade agenda and reinforce Canada's leadership in inclusive and sustainable trade and investment.

On the margins of the meeting, Minister Champagne will also chair a progressive trade side event with delegates aimed at working together to make sure that all segments of society can take advantage of the opportunities that flow from trade.

## Quotes

"Canada's progressive trade agenda is in line with the government's vision for more innovative and prosperous growth that benefits everyone, particularly with respect to the creation of jobs for the middle class and those working hard to join it."

- François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade

## Quick Facts

- Established in 1961, the OECD currently comprises 35 member countries. It includes many of the world's most advanced countries as well as emerging countries like Mexico, Chile and Turkey.
- OECD members comprise approximately 63 percent of the world economy (GDP), 62 percent of world merchandise imports and 17.6 percent of the world's population.
- Canada's merchandise trade with OECD countries was \$874.3 billion in 2016.
- OECD countries accounted for 89.6 percent of Canada's merchandise exports and 77 percent of Canada's merchandise imports in 2016.

## Associated Links

- [Canada-European Union: Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement](#)
- [Canada and the OECD](#)

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