



United Nations Association in Canada
Association canadienne pour les Nations Unies

**UNA-Canada Announces the Appointment
of its new President & CEO**

2021 August 30: On behalf of the Board of Directors, National Staff and Members of the United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) I am pleased to announce that the Association has appointed a new President & CEO. **Jaime Webbe** will take over the reins in this key position as of August 30th. The appointment comes after a rigorous search to identify a successor to Kathryn White, who stepped down from this role after 17 years of exemplary leadership.

Ms. Webbe brings an impressive combination of international and domestic experience to her new role. Coming to us from her position as Global Director of Climate Change and Biodiversity at Alinea International, she has worked, over her career, in several UN Agencies based in Montreal, Copenhagen, Nairobi and Washington DC. Ms. Webbe developed a deep appreciation for the UN through staff positions with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the UN Climate Convention's Climate Technology Centre & Network, the Secretariat of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity and the World Bank. Her concrete experiences bringing the world together around common challenges and opportunities grounds her leadership of an organization whose mission is to educate and engage Canadians in the work of the UN and the critical international issues that affect us all.

Together we believe that a strong and effective United Nations is essential if we are to secure a future based on equality, dignity and justice for all. Ms. Webbe is dedicated to ensuring that UNA-Canada is well-positioned to promote constructive Canadian participation in the United Nations system and to *growing global citizens* in Canada. Aligned with our values, Ms. Webbe embraces the principles of the UN Charter and is committed to the attainment of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Given that an area of our programme priority is youth engagement and empowerment, Ms. Webbe's experiences as head of UNEP's Education and Training Unit will be especially pertinent. Her work on education for sustainable development focused on diversity, equity and inclusion through policies and practices respectful of Indigenous and traditional learning systems, and by mobilizing digital education to overcome inequality in access. Ms. Webbe also has extensive and close relationships with several UN Agencies and Canadian Federal Departments, including Global Affairs Canada, which are often partners in the delivery of our initiatives.

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We look forward to welcoming Jaime to her new role with UNA-Canada and to engaging with her energy and expertise as together we move UNA-Canada forward as a vibrant Canadian civil society organization.

On behalf of the Board and our members across the country, I would like to thank Dr. Sarah Kambites, who has admirably stepped in as Acting President & CEO in the recent transition interim. We are also deeply recognizant of Kate White's 17 years of outstanding leadership and commitment to UNA-Canada's growth and success. The Association's 75-year history continues to backstop growth and adaptability to an ever changing world, including through the recent COVID challenges. Jaime and her team inherit a vibrant organization from which to build new initiatives and growth.

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Chair, UNA-Canada Board of Directors

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The United Nations Association in Canada is an historic charity that marked 75 years in 2020 of “growing global citizens” in Canada. It is a membership organization with twenty volunteer Branches and contacts and 30 000 members from coast to coast to coast. A founding member of the World Federation of the United Nations Associations, UNA-Canada brings a global civil society focus to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and remains the leading Canadian UN policy voice. For more information please visit our web site at www.unac.org