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Andrea Johnston is the Assistant Deputy Minister, Innovation Canada, an organization within Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED), that leads the federal government's collaborative platform to help Canada's innovators and entrepreneurs find and access government programs and services. In this role, Andrea leads delivery of new programs under the Innovation and Skills Plan including the Innovation Superclusters Initiative, the Strategic Innovation Fund, Innovative Solutions Canada and the Accelerated Growth Service. Andrea is also the department's Diversity and Inclusion champion.

Andrea Johnston joined ISED in May 2017 to be the Director General (DG) of the Economic Strategy Tables and Skills Branch, where she provided senior leadership on the Department's skills agenda and implementation of Canada's six economic strategy tables. These industry-led tables developed concrete strategies and targets for Canada's economic growth.

Prior to joining ISED, Andrea had an extensive career at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) where she was the DG responsible for sectoral development and analysis covering livestock, grains, horticulture, dairy and food processing as well as leading the Department's value chain roundtables. Andrea was also AAFC's Corporate Secretary.