



Biographical Notes
SUZANNE M. BENOÎT

Suzanne M. Benoît was appointed President of Aéro Montreal, Québec's aerospace cluster, at its inception in August 2006. Aéro Montreal brings together major decision makers in Québec's aerospace sector and aims to optimize the competitiveness, growth and the influence of the industry around the world.

Prior to joining Aéro Montréal, she led the Longueuil Economic Development Agency (LED) as its President and CEO, from its creation in 2002. From 1999 to 2002, she led the foreign investment prospecting team in the Americas division of Investissement Québec. From 1991 to 1999, she held various executive positions at Hydro-Québec in the areas of governmental and institutional relations, industrial and economic development in the Commercial Division.

She started her career with the government of Canada in Ottawa and held various senior positions in the International Affairs Branch of Industry Canada, where she managed the industrial cooperation between Canada and Japan and Canada and South Korea and in the marketing of the defence products in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

In 2015, the Prime Minister of Canada officially appointed Ms. Benoît as one of three business representatives to the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, one of the most important regional forums in the world.

Ms. Benoît is very active in the field of economic development both at the national and international level. She also serves on many boards of directors, namely "Invest in Canada", Greener Aircraft Catalyst Project (SA²GE) and Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee, École de technologie supérieure (ETS), Sous-traitance industrielle Québec (STIQ), Conseil Emploi Métropole, the Consortium for Research and Innovation in Aerospace in Québec (CRIAQ), Comité sectoriel de la main-d'œuvre en aérospatiale (CAMAQ), Aerospace Industries Association Canada (AIAC), and the Montreal Country Club.

Ms. Benoît holds a bachelor's degree and Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Ottawa. In 2016, she received the title of corporate director from the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) program of the Rotman School of Management and McGill University.

Ms. Benoît's community involvement is also reflected by her honorary role and participation in many charitable organizations.