

Helen Ryan

Canada, GMI Steering Committee Chair

Helen Ryan is the Associate Assistant Deputy Minister of the Environmental Protection Branch within Environment and Climate Change Canada. She is responsible for leading the development and implementation of the Department's clean air regulatory agenda, GHG regulations, environmental emergencies, contaminated sites and disposal at sea, waste disposal and management, as well as the plastics agenda.

Prior to Helen's appointment in September 2018, she was the Director General of Environment and Climate Change Canada's Energy and Transportation Directorate heading the development and implementation of regulations and standards to reduce air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation, oil and gas, and electricity sectors. She has over thirty years of experience in the public service at the federal, provincial and municipal levels, including 17 years as a federal executive in ECCC and Health Canada.



Helen and her partner have five children. She is an avid cyclist, cross-country skier and enjoys time spent in the outdoors.