

CFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Building a Resilient Future for Canadian Agriculture

Ottawa, ON - Delta Ottawa City Centre - March 6th & 7th, 2023



1:20PM – 4:30PM

March 6th, 2023

KEYNOTE POLITICAL SPEAKERS



The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food
Member of Parliament - Compton-Stanstead, Quebec



A graduate of the University of Sherbrooke in Economics and Environmental Management, Minister Bibeau worked for 10 years as a project manager in international development, before becoming an accomplished tourism entrepreneur and very involved in her community. Elected Member of Parliament for Compton-Stanstead (Quebec) in October 2015, Marie-Claude Bibeau is very proud of Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy that she had the privilege of developing and implementing while serving as Minister of International Development and La Francophonie.

In March 2019, she became Canada's first female Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. Minister Bibeau is responsible for supporting farmers in managing their risks and promoting the sustainable growth of the sector through research, innovation, and market development. She is also particularly committed to the implementation of Canada's first Food Policy.



Jagmeet Singh
Leader of the New Democratic Party
Member of Parliament - Burnaby South, B.C.



Leader of Canada's New Democratic Party, Jagmeet Singh is a lawyer, a human rights activist, and a former MPP in Ontario. Jagmeet understands the struggles Canadians are faced with because as a young man, he had to step up and take care of his family. Recently, Jagmeet and the NDP Caucus delivered the greatest expansion of universal healthcare in generations, with the creation of a new dental care program and concrete steps towards national pharmacare. Jagmeet is driven to make sure government delivers for people with stronger services that help create a better future for everyone."



Elizabeth May
Leader of the Green Party
Member of Parliament - Saanich-Gulf Islands



Elizabeth May served as Leader of the Green Party of Canada from 2006 – 2019. She is the Green Party of Canada's first elected Member of Parliament representing Saanich-Gulf Islands in 2011. She continues as the Member of Parliament and serves as the Parliamentary Leader of the Green caucus. In 2005, Elizabeth May was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in recognition of her decades of leadership in the Canadian environmental movement. She graduated from Dalhousie Law School and was admitted to the Bar in both Nova Scotia and Ontario. She practiced law in Ottawa with the Public Interest Advocacy Centre prior to becoming Senior Policy Advisor to the federal minister of the Environment (1986- 1988). For seventeen years Elizabeth served as Executive Director of the Sierra Club of Canada.

A proud mother and grandmother, she lives in Sidney, British Columbia, with her husband John Kidder. Elizabeth is the author of nine books, including her most recent revised book, *Climate Change for Dummies*.

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Yves-François Blanchet

Leader of the Bloc Québécois

Member of Parliament - Beloeil-Chambly, Québec



A graduate in History and Anthropology from the Université de Montréal, Yves-François Blanchet began his political involvement in 1987, within the Parti Québécois, under the leadership of Jacques Parizeau. In 2008, he was elected for the first time to the National Assembly of Quebec and became the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Wildlife and Parks in 2012.

In 2019, he became leader of the Bloc Québécois, a pro-independence party whose mission is to promote and defend the interests of Quebecers in the Canadian Parliament and the idea of Quebec sovereignty. The new leader revealed his talents to Quebec as a public speaker and his vision of a policy of constructive proposals that would contribute to tripling the number of Bloc Québécois members of parliament in the House of Commons. His gamble was successful, his approach was simple: if it's good for Quebec, the Bloc supports; if it's bad for Quebec, the Bloc fights or improves it.

Ecologist, regionalist, and humanist in favor of the restoration of "diplomatic independence", Yves-François Blanchet instills within Bloc Québécois his vision of a Quebec that reconciles ecology and economy, proud, innovative and takes care of his own world. Under his leadership, the Bloc Québécois' priorities are the enhancement of the French language, the secularity of state institutions, the ecological transition, the integral protection of supply management and the Quebec agricultural model, health, as well as the protection of Quebec's culture and arts in the face of the multinational giants such as the GAFAM.



The Honourable Pierre Poilievre

Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada

Member of Parliament - Carleton, ON



Pierre Poilievre is a life-long conservative, champion of a free market, and fighter for people taking ownership of and responsibility for their own futures. Pierre served as a trusted, senior cabinet minister in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government and has served as a Member of Parliament for seven terms. Pierre is running to be the Prime Minister of Canada. He believes in a country where the state is servant, not master. Where smaller government makes room for bigger citizens. Where people have the freedom to build a business without red tape and heavy tax. To make room for personal freedom and responsibility, he believes in limiting government. He has been one of the loudest voices in the past several years fighting out-of-control deficit spending and tax increases, as Liberal addiction to debt became a crisis. Pierre was one of the first voices to highlight the inflation crisis that this country faces, pointing out that the sharp increases represent an "inflation tax", a sneaky way for governments to raise money by raising prices for the people. Today, more than half of families in Canada say they struggle just to feed themselves. He also was one of the first voices to speak up against unscientific mandates and unacceptable limits on the freedoms of Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pierre believes that freedom is critical for this country and has pressed the government to commit to ending its politicized and divisive response. Pierre lives in the Eastern Ontario village of Greely with his wife Anaida and their children Valentina and Cruz. He grew up in Calgary and graduated from the University of Calgary with a degree in International Relations.