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Brian Bohunicky has been engaged in public policy and administration from many angles including various capacities in the Government of Canada, private sector consulting, journalism and academia.

He joined Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in spring of 2009 as Director General of the International Markets Bureau. His responsibilities include Canada's relations with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), as well as the management of a number of knowledge-based and strategic programs and resources that contribute to the industry's success in global markets.

A federal public servant since 2000, he previously served as Director General of Strategic Policy at Transport Canada. There, he led policy development and implementation for strategic gateways and trade corridor strategies, including the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative. The gateways policy brought a value chain approach to the role of transportation systems in global commerce, and emphasized partnership-building with the private sector and Canada's major trading partners, including the United States and China.

Previously, Mr. Bohunicky served as Senior Advisor, Legislation and House Planning in the Privy Council Office, and held executive positions in the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. He also spent five years as a senior ministerial advisor in four federal departments, with responsibilities including policy, communications strategy and media relations.

Mr. Bohunicky is a graduate of the University of Manitoba, and the University of Oxford, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar. Raised in Winnipeg, he lives in Ottawa with his wife and daughter.