



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

Renewable Energy in Germany: Lessons for Canada

Sabine Sparwasser
4:00-5:30 PM
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
Karsh Room, Rideau Club
99 Bank Street, 15th floor
Ottawa, Ontario

(please note that the Rideau Club dress code requires men to wear a jacket)

To attend, please RSVP by January 28, 2019 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

One of the components of the federal government's strategy to meet its CO2 emissions target is increased use of renewable energy. In this regard, Canada may have much to learn from Germany, which has been called "the world's first major **renewable energy** economy". The share of renewable electricity in that country rose from just 3.4% of gross electricity consumption in 1990 to 36.2% in 2017 and is projected to reach 80 % by 2050. Chancellor **Angela Merkel** has stated "as the first big industrialized nation, we can achieve such a transformation toward efficient and renewable energies, with all the opportunities that brings for exports, developing new technologies and jobs".

In this seminar Sabine Sparwasser, Germany's Ambassador to Canada, will provide a presentation on the renewable energy picture in Germany. She will discuss the motivation for and history of renewable energy in Germany, the policies used to foster the development of renewable energy, and trends in renewable energy production, including the sources of renewables. She will also offer an overall assessment of the German renewable energy experience, including current challenges.

Sabine Sparwasser has been Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Canada since 2017. A career diplomat, she has served in a variety of positions in a number of countries. Before her current appointment, she was Assistant Deputy Minister for Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Near and Middle East in the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. She has also served as German Consul General in Toronto and Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy in Ottawa. Before entering the foreign service, she was a freelance journalist for German television. She holds degrees from Johannes-Gutenberg University and l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris.