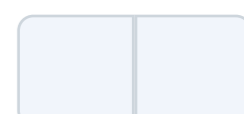


# Institute on Governance Overview and Challenges



## Overview

Founded in 1990, the Institute on Governance (IOG) is an independent, Canada-based, not-for-profit public interest institution with a vision to be to be the pre-eminent, independent Canadian source of knowledge, research and advice on governance and its continuous improvement through exploring, developing and promoting the principles, standards and practices which underlie good governance in the public sphere.

## Challenges

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### ▼ Challenge 1

#### Democratic Institutions, Citizen Engagement and Public Trust.

Trust in both our public service and our political leadership rose during the pandemic, although not necessarily on a sustained basis.

**How can governments adapt to be more inclusive, i.e. to give more Canadians a voice in decision making?**

### ▼ Challenge 2

#### Youth Engagement in Politics.

Statistics Canada data show that youth are less interested in politics and less likely to vote than older Canadians.

**What actions can the Canadian government take to maximize the interest and engagement of youth in local/provincial/national governance and politics? How can governments secure their long-term interest? Can COVID-19 recovery efforts be leveraged for such an initiative?**

### ▼ Challenge 3

#### New, more impactful, science communications

In the Speech from the Throne on 23 September, 2020, the Governor General said that "we trust science to lead the fight." Yet only 83% of Canadians believe scientists, 48% think they are not as ethical as they should be, and as many as one third of Canadians report they are unlikely to get a COVID-19 vaccine when one becomes available.

**If science is our best defence against COVID-19, how can we increase trust in science and improve communication of scientific results?**