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## HOW WE CAN MAKE CANADA A GREAT COUNTRY FOR KIDS

David Morley President and CEO, UNICEF Canada

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#### INTRODUCTIONS:

**Dr. Blye Frank**, Dean and Professor, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia **Bernard Richard**, B.C. Representative for Children and Youth

Jerry Nussbaum, President of the Janusz Korczak Association of Canada Assadullah Sadiq, the Janusz Korczak Scholarship recipient for 2016/17 Lillian Boraks-Nemetz, Author, Board Member the Janusz Korczak Association of Canada: The Man Who Listened to Children - Janusz Korczak

MODERATOR: Kit Krieger

#### DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS: David Morley, President and CEO, UNICEF Canada

#### LECTURE ABSTRACT:

UNICEF has published fourteen Report Cards on the state of children and youth in highincome countries over the past seventeen years. The comparative analyses focus on why countries with similar resources and capacities achieve different outcomes for young people. Over time, a pattern has emerged that has become more and more alarming. Canada is losing momentum to improve outcomes for children and youth, and losing ground relative to our peers. Lagging outcomes and persistently wide gaps between children in health, violence and their own sense of wellbeing show up in the statistical evidence. Why do we rank 25th out of 41 rich nations in the latest UNICEF Report Card? How can we move the needle?

David Morley, President and CEO of UNICEF Canada, will share new insights from UNICEF's research and discuss the areas where Canada is performing well, where we're falling behind and where we must actively turn our attention to cultivate better, more equitable outcomes for children and youth.

#### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

**David Morley,** is the President and CEO of UNICEF Canada, a leading humanitarian organization dedicated to helping children around the world survive, thrive and reach their full potential.

A prolific international speaker, commentator, human rights advocate and mobilizer, David has more than thirty years of experience advancing children's rights and sustainable development on the world stage.

David is a passionate voice for the world's most vulnerable citizens, who has dedicated his career to improving the lives of children and communities in Canada and around the world.

Under David's leadership, UNICEF Canada has played a key role in driving Canadian efforts to advance global child survival and mobilized Canadians across the country in an unprecedented response to the Syrian humanitarian crisis.

Prior to joining UNICEF Canada, David served as Executive Director of Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors without Borders Canada, as President and CEO of Save the Children Canada and was the founding Executive Director of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship.

A recognized leader in the field, David currently teaches at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto, and is the Chair of the Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health. He has also served on the Board of Directors for several prominent organizations, including the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation and has acted as a mentor with the Trudeau Foundation.

David completed his Master of Education from the University of British Columbia and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Carleton University.

#### ABOUT THE MODERATOR:

Kit Krieger, began his teaching career in 1974 in West Vancouver. He is a former president of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation and Registrar of the BC College of Teachers, and is currently the Executive Director of the BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association. For forty years he has been active in Holocaust Education and is an Honorary Life Fellow of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre. He has written extensively on educational issues, such as professional regulation, media literacy, and social justice.

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