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Biography

André Gariépy is the Commissioner for the Recognition of Professional Competence for the Government of Québec, Canada. He plays an oversight role with regards to professional regulatory bodies' activities in qualification recognition, including compliance with agreements on trade in services, international mobility and mutual recognition of qualifications.

Mr. Gariépy holds degrees in Economics and Law. He has 20 years of experience in professional regulation and mobility, dealing with policy, legal and management issues, part of which he gained in an international context. For almost a decade, he was Director General of the Québec Interprofessional Council, the association of Québec's 46 professional regulatory bodies which regulate the practice of 380,000 professionals, in the health and non-health sectors. He has been involved in regulatory reforms. He has also served on many committees and government task forces in relation with professional regulation. He has been invited to speak at various international conferences.

In 2015, he was appointed by the World Health Organization on an Expert Advisory Group to review the *Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel*.

Before his appointment as Commissioner, Mr. Gariépy has also worked for a few years in international technical assistance as a consultant and project manager in relation with legal reform, international trade, and professional regulation and mobility. He was then on assignments from international organizations in the Asia-Pacific region as well as in Europe (Balkans) and West-Africa.