



Rising to the Challenge:  
Sex- and Gender-based Analysis for  
Health Planning, Policy and Research in Canada  
Workshops 2009



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Dear Colleague,

The Atlantic Centre of Excellence for Women's Health, British Columbia Centre of Excellence for Women's Health, and the Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence have collaborated over a period of 10 years on work with a sex- and gender-based analysis (SGBA) component. The Centres are part of the Women's Health Contribution Program of Health Canada.

Over the past year, one of the major collaborative projects of the Centres has been the development of *Rising to the Challenge: Sex- and gender-based analysis for health planning, policy and research in Canada*. *Rising to the Challenge* is a showcase of our collective learning about sex and gender-based analysis as it applies to health planning, policy development, program delivery and research. We have created a training workshop model to introduce the book.

We would like to invite you to participate in one of three invitational workshops. You have received this invitation because we are looking for participants with responsibility for leadership and management across the Health Portfolio. The workshop is designed to engage with planners, policymakers, program managers and researchers to build capacity to undertake sex- and gender-based analysis and to integrate SGBA into their work. We have developed a participatory workshop that will provide opportunities for you to explore SGBA as a process and as it may apply to your own work. The objectives include: an introduction to *Rising to the Challenge: Sex- and gender-based analysis for health planning, policy and research in Canada*; increased awareness of SGBA as an essential tool for planning, policy-making, programming and research; increased capacity to undertake and integrate SGBA in areas of work; and an assessment of the book and workshops. We have posed four questions in the registration form, which will help us finalize the workshop program. There will also be a brief participant survey at the end of the workshop and another brief questionnaire by email 3 months later to help us evaluate the book and workshops.

If you are unable to participate, please consider designating someone from your department or unit who has similar responsibilities for policy or program delivery, and have them fill out the registration form.

We are looking forward to seeing you! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jenn Bernier at [jennifer.bernier@dal.ca](mailto:jennifer.bernier@dal.ca) or 902-494-7849.

Sincerely,

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