



## Khokhar, Jamal

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Jamal Khokhar has been President and CEO of the Institute of the Americas since September, 2015.

Prior, Ambassador Khokhar was a senior career diplomat with Canadian Foreign Service in the Department of Global Affairs -- Canada's federal ministry responsible for Foreign Affairs, International Trade, and International Development Assistance.

From 2010-2015, he was Canada's Ambassador to Brazil.

His key appointments have included being Director General for Latin America and the Caribbean responsible for overseeing the full range of Canada's bilateral engagement in the region. In this capacity, he was instrumental in developing Canada's Americas Strategy. Later, he was the Regional Director General for Latin America and the Caribbean at the Canadian International Development Agency, where he redesigned and oversaw Canada's bilateral development assistance programming for the region. Notable amongst his international assignments, he has served at Canada's Embassy to the United States, in Washington D.C., first as Deputy Head of the Economic and Trade Policy Section, and then as Minister-Counsellor and Head of the Congressional and Legal Affairs Section.

From 2006-2008, he took leave from government to join the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington, D.C. where he was Chief of Staff to the President of the Bank, Luis Alberto Moreno, and later led the creation of the Bank's Department of Outreach and Partnerships – a department dedicated to establishing innovative partnerships with the private sector and foundation.

Mr. Khokhar has studied at McGill University in Montreal, the University of Ottawa, and the American University in Washington DC.

He was a Fellow of Harvard University's Weatherhead Institute for International Affairs in 2002-03.

In 2013 he was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for leadership and excellence in strategy development and implementation of Canada's engagement in the Americas.