

## PHOTO RELEASE

### *FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

**Ottawa, ON, November 18, 2010** – Representatives from the engineering profession, academia and government gathered in Ottawa for a one-day summit entitled *Maximizing Opportunities: Increasing Women's Participation in Science and Engineering*. Organized by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and supported by Engineers Canada and Research in Motion (RIM), this first event allowed participants to examine what is being done to attract and retain women to engineering and other scientific careers. During the event, Engineers Canada Chief Executive Officer Chantal Guay, ing., P.Eng., M.Env., pledged her organization's ongoing support to NSERC in attracting and retaining more women to engineering, highlighting the efforts of the organization's in the area of [women in engineering](#).

In addition, a report issued by NSERC entitled [Women in Science and Engineering in Canada](#) was presented at the summit.

Following the summit, leaders in engineering and science met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and shared some of the outcomes of the day.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper with (from left) Suhayya Abu-Hakima, President/CEO of Amika Mobile Corporation; Dr. Elizabeth Cannon, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calgary; Chantal Guay, CEO of Engineers Canada; Dr. Suzanne Fortier, President of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada; Dr. Nadia Ghazzali, Professor of Mathematics and Statistics at the Université Laval; Annette Trimbee, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Technology for the Government of Alberta; and Dr. Ilse Treurnicht, CEO of MaRS Discovery District.

(PMO photo by Jason Ransom)

*Engineers Canada is the business name of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers and is the national organization of the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada and license the country's more than 234,000 members of the engineering profession.*

- 30 -

For more information, contact:

**Engineers Canada**  
William Meyer, Manager, Communications  
1100-180 Elgin St., Ottawa, ON. K2P 2K3  
613.232.2474 ext. 249  
[will.meyer@engineerscanada.ca](mailto:will.meyer@engineerscanada.ca)

**NSERC**  
Kasia Majewski  
Manager, External Relations  
External Relations and Communications  
350 Albert St., Ottawa, ON. K1A 1H5  
Tel: 613-943-8622  
Cell: 613-853-4479  
[kasia.majewski@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:kasia.majewski@nserc-crsng.gc.ca)