

ALMAS JIWANI – BRIEF PROFILE

As a highly accomplished, dynamic and self-made business woman and a dedicated volunteer, Almas Jiwani has made significant contributions towards social and sector over several years. She is the voice of the voiceless, helping women acquire their rights at home and abroad. Her primary objective is to strengthen women's economic capacity as entrepreneurs and producers.

This same commitment has led, and continues to lead her to travel extensively around the world to participate in speaking engagements which serve to enrich lives and uplift the status of women in North America and in developing countries. She also plays a key role in building networks among charitable institutions and socially responsible businesses.

Currently, Almas is the President and CEO of Frontier Canada Inc., a corporate communications company founded in 1996. In parallel, she accomplished the position of the President of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Canada – Part of the UN Women, where she has been actively involved with the Board of Directors for UNIFEM Canada over the last seven years. In the light of the United Nations gender equality reforms, Ms Jiwani is leading the Board of Directors for the new United Nations Gender Entity for Empowerment of Women (UN Women Canada).

Her impact and influence have created a lasting legacy for various International communities. Stories about her leadership and achievements set her a class apart and amongst others in similar services, making her the first among equals.

She was interviewed by Peter Mansbridge chief correspondent of CBC News on "One on One" in March 2011 and by Steve Palikin on TVO Agenda in April 2011.

Over the course of her gender-empowerment career, she has received numerous awards, including:

- Pilot International Humanitarian Award – Uganda - 2010
- Commemorative Stamp, Government of Greece – 2010
- Artemis Goddess Award, Government of Greece – 2010
- Induction into Women's Hall of Fame- Greece - 2010
- United Nations Fund for Women "Life Time Honorary Member" Award - 2009
- Governor General's Caring Award, Governor General of Canada – 2008
- Elected International Spokesperson for Gender Equality, Sophia2010 - 2008
- Women of Substance Recognition, Africa International Trade Conference - 2007
- 15 Years of Voluntary Service, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration - 2006
- "The Stone in Water Award" from the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs for successful execution of the National Afghan Women Roundtable, and the report from the Canadian Committee on Women, Peace and Security - 2005