

## Wendy Watson-Wright

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Dr. Wendy Watson-Wright is the Chief Executive Officer of the Ocean Frontier Institute (OFI), the new Canadian-led interdisciplinary transnational research institute whose aim is the safe and sustainable development of the ocean frontier. From 2010 – 2015, Dr. Watson-Wright was the Executive Secretary and Assistant Director General of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO) in Paris. For most of her career, she held various senior positions within Fisheries and Oceans Canada, including 8 years as Assistant Deputy Minister of Science. Dr. Watson-Wright has been on several boards and panels including the Strategic Advisory Board for the European Union's Joint Programming Initiative on Oceans (JPI Oceans), the Council of Canadian Academies' Expert Panel on Ocean Science, and the Scientific Advisory Board of the Wendy Schmidt Ocean Health X-Prize.

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