

Almas Jiwani

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Almas Jiwani, recent recipient of the Governor General's award for humanitarian work, a successful entrepreneur and a notable community leader and the President and CEO of Frontier Canada Inc., a corporate communications company. She is also the President of Canadian Committee for United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM CANADA). She has been involved with the organization for past seven years. She has also served several boards and portfolios of His Highness The Prince Aga Khan Council for Canada and The Aga Khan University.

More noteworthy is her immense contribution to humanitarian work and has shown exceptional leadership in regional, national, and international charitable and humanitarian organizations. She has helped women living in developed and developing countries in strengthening their economic capacity as entrepreneurs and producers. She has also contributed to governance and leadership capacity-building by encouraging women to participate in decision-making processes that shape lives, and working toward eradicating all forms of violence against women.

Almas Jiwani, highly accomplished, dynamic and a self-made, business woman and a dedicated volunteer, continues to serve the humanity at large by continuing to travel extensively to speak on women's empowerment and gender equality to enrich lives and uplift the status of women in Canada and in developing countries. She has the intellectual energy and drive needed to be extremely successful in all endeavors and yet her sense of integrity, honesty, and kindness are among her most striking characteristics. Perhaps even more importantly Almas' intelligence and clarity of thought; her desire to help women find a platform to be heard and realize their potential; her skill at connecting women with businesses, government and community leaders are the characteristics that set her apart and demonstrate her love of and respect for humanity.

Ms Jiwani is a humanitarian who truly embraces and embodies the spirit of voluntarism. She is the voice of many who do not have one. Her impact and influence have created a lasting legacy for these various global communities and Canada as a whole. Stories about her leadership and achievements makes her a class apart and amongst others in similar service, makes her the first among equals

In addition, she is the recipient of numerous awards, some of which include:

- Governor General's Canadian Caring Award
- Lifetime Honorary Member Award of United Nations Fund for Women
- Women of Substance – Africa International Trade Conference
- “The Stone in Water Award” from 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;
- The “Outstanding Volunteer” from Minister of Immigration and Citizenship of Canada for 15 years of Volunteer service.

Lastly, she has also been a Nominee for the following awards and honors;

- The Women Entrepreneur of the Year;
- The Royal Bank of Canada Women Entrepreneur (3 times);
- The Flare Magazine 11th Annual “Flare Volunteer” Award;
- Women of 21st Century Award;
- Elected as an international spokesperson for Sophia2010 – Gender Equality