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Michelle Mendes holds a Bachelor of General Studies from Simon Fraser University, is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, and holds an Executive Master of Business Administration in Space Commerce from the International Space University in Strasbourg, France. She sits on the Government of Canada Space Advisory Board, on Canada's Global Affairs Remote Sensing Space Systems Act Advisory Committee, and Western University's Institute for Earth and Space Exploration Advisory Board.

Michelle is the Executive Director of the Satellite Canada Innovation Network where she develops and stimulates dynamic growth environments for Canadian commercial space. Originally from Vancouver, her unique combination of skills in an international business, finance and legal environments, has been acquired through her work in the Isle of Man, United Kingdom and Switzerland.

In 2013 Michelle became the Executive Director of World Space Week Association, working on behalf of the United Nations, where she engaged in international commercial and diplomatic efforts to foster cooperation among space faring nations.

In 2010, while based in Geneva, Switzerland she was the Deputy Global Head of Corporations for the world's largest fiduciary, where she fostered commercial growth, instilled a culture of compliance and was responsible for reporting lines out of the group's offices located in 76 countries.

Michelle lives with her husband and their dog in downtown Toronto while she continues to promote the benefit of space and its technologies to all Canadians everywhere.