



Save the Date!
Looking Back, Thinking Ahead:
Using Research to Improve Policy and
Practice in Women's Health

**An International Conference
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
15-18 March 2009**

This conference will focus on how research has been used to improve policy and practice in women's and girls' health. We invite members of the women's health community: researchers, policy-makers and grassroots practitioners in Canada and abroad to join us. This is an opportunity to discuss how research has been used, and to exchange ideas and perspectives about the future of women's health research, policy and practice.

The objectives of the conference are:

- ❖ To share research applications addressing the determinants of health, and the resulting effects on policies and practices in girls' and women's health;
- ❖ To highlight new work and identify gaps in research, policies and practices specific to First Nations, Métis and Inuit women in Canada and indigenous women internationally;
- ❖ To explore the evolution of gender-based analysis in relation to women's health in Canadian and international contexts; and
- ❖ To create a forum for discussion about the future of women's health research, policy and practice.

The conference will explore the relationships between research and policy or practice in the area of women's and girls' health. We will be inviting submissions for oral and poster presentations that *explicitly* address the ways in which research can be or is used to create better policies and practices – and ultimately better health for women- in Canada and around the world.

Further information for abstract submission and registration will soon be available at www.acewh.dal.ca. Hosted by the Atlantic Centre of Excellence for Women's Health. Confirmed sponsors to date include the Bureau of Women's Health and Gender Analysis, Health Canada.