

**THE HON. SARHITE D. BULTE**  
**Former Member of Parliament (Canada)**

For over 25 years, Sarhite ("Sam") Bulte has successfully fostered growth and opportunities for business women and entrepreneurs. Sam is a lawyer and a former Member of Parliament in the Canadian federal government having served in that capacity from 1997-2006. During her terms in Parliament she served, inter alia, as the Chair of Prime Minister Chretien's Task Force on Women Entrepreneurs and as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry, with special emphasis on Women Entrepreneurs. Many of the Task Force's recommendations have and still continue to be implemented by successive governments. The Task Force has been recognized as an international best practice and Sam has been invited to speak about the report and its recommendations internationally, as well as at the World Bank.

Since leaving federal politics, Sam has served as a Special Advisor/Consultant to the Minister of Economic Development and Trade in the Province of Ontario to develop a "Women in Business" Strategy for the Province in Ontario

Prior to entering politics, she was the President of the Canadian Association of Women Executives and Entrepreneurs and the Founder/Vice-President, International of the Women Entrepreneurs of Canada.

Sam has received numerous awards for her promotion of women entrepreneurs and fostering opportunities that actively support women entrepreneurs to achieve success in international business.