Netherlands

**Official Title:** Kingdom of the Netherlands

### General Information:
- **Capital:** Amsterdam
- **Population (million):** 17.23
- **Total Area:** 41,526 km²
- **Currency:** 1 CAN$=0.68 EURO (EUR) (2019 - Annual average)
- **National Holiday:** April 27, King’s day
- **Language(s):** Dutch, Frisian

### Political Information:
- **Type of State:** Constitutional monarchy
- **Type of Government:** Type of Government Parliamentary democracy. Bicameral parliament called the States General (Parliament) with a 75-seat First Chamber (Senate) and a 150-seat Second Chamber (House of Representatives). Prime Minister appointed by the monarch. Council of Ministers appointed by the monarch on advice from the Prime Minister. Administrative divisions: 12 provinces. Governing coalition: People’s Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD), Democrats 66 (D66), the Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA) and the Christian Union (CU).

**Head of State**
- H.M. King
- Willem-Alexander (Accession 2013)

**Head of Government**
- Prime Minister
- Mark Rutte

**Ministers:**
- Foreign Affairs: Stef Blok (VVD)
- Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation: Sigrid Kaag (D66)
- Economic Affairs: Eric Wiebes (VVD)

**Main Political Parties**
- People’s Party for Freedom and Democracy (Liberal) (VVD); Labour Party (PvdA); Socialist Party (SP); Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA); Party for Freedom (PVV); Democrats 66 (D66); Christian Union (CU); Green Left (GL); Forum for Democracy (FvD)

**Second Chamber of the States General:**
- VVD (32), PVV (20), CDA (19), D66 (19), GL (14), SP (14), PvdA (9), CU (5), Other (18)

**First Chamber of the States General:**
- VVD (12), FvD (10), CDA (9), GL (8), D66 (7), PvdA (6), PVV (5), CU (4), SP (4), Other (10)

**Elections:**

### Economic Information: (2019)

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<td>GDP: (billion)</td>
<td>$1,187.31</td>
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<td>$68,905.06</td>
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<td>1.81</td>
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### Product Trade and Investment: (2019)

- **Canadian Exports:** $5,183,755,915
- **Canadian Imports:** $4,664,603,060
- **Foreign Direct Investment in Canada (2018):** $106,706 (million)
- **Canadian Direct Investment in country (2018):** $36,475 (million)

### Representation:
- **Foreign Representation in Canada**
  - Ambassador Henk van der Zwan
- **Canadian Representation Abroad**
  - Ambassador Lisa Helfand