

## **GLOBAL NEWS NAMES MERCEDES STEPHENSON NEW OTTAWA BUREAU CHIEF**

Stephenson Also Appointed New Permanent Host of *The West Block*



*Mercedes Stephenson*

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**OTTAWA, June 26, 2018** – Global News is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mercedes Stephenson** as the network's new **Ottawa Bureau Chief**. Stephenson also becomes the permanent host of Canada's most-watched political affairs program, ***The West Block***.

Stephenson, a well-established political journalist, joins Global News from CTV News and CTV News Channel, where she has served for the past seven years as a parliamentary correspondent and occasional backup host of their daily political affairs program.

"We are excited to bring on an incredibly talented journalist to help lead our coverage from the nation's capital," said Troy Reeb, Senior Vice-President, News, Radio and Station Operations for Corus Entertainment.

"Her passion and experience speak for themselves, and her appointment signals our continued dedication to providing Canadians with the very best political reporting."

Born and raised in Calgary, Stephenson brings a wealth of expertise to her new role. She has extensively covered Parliament, party politics and the Supreme Court, with extensive knowledge in the areas of defence, security and international affairs. Stephenson also served two terms as a Director of the Parliamentary Press Gallery.

"I am delighted to be joining the phenomenal team at Global News," said Mercedes Stephenson. "I look forward to bringing Canadians the smart, sharp political coverage they expect on television, radio and online."

Stephenson's appointment is effective July 23<sup>rd</sup>. A new politically-packed season of *The West Block* with Stephenson at the helm will premiere on Global Television and Global News Radio this coming fall.

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