The Canadian Statistics Advisory Council (CSAC) was created as part of a suite of amendments to the Statistics Act in 2017 designed to enhance the independence of Statistics Canada, Canada's national statistical organization. In June 2019, the first slate of Council members was appointed by the Governor in Council. CSAC's statutory mandate includes providing advice to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry and to the Chief Statistician of Canada. The first year of CSAC's work involved establishing itself as a group, defining its agenda and finding its voice and position in the broader statistical ecosystem.