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Jacob Abella is the Director General of Defence Intergovernmental Affairs at National Defence.  His responsibilities include Economic Security, academic partnerships through the MINDS program, as well as working to build critical federal-provincial-territorial-Indigenous partnerships and enhanced relationships in support of the defence policy and related priorities.

He Joined National Defence in 2018, leading personnel policy initiatives at Military Personnel Command, before taking on his current role in 2020.

Jacob has over twenty years experience in the Federal Public Service, most of which involved executive roles at the Privy Council Office and Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, working in the areas of Intergovernmental affairs, national defence, foreign policy, human rights, criminal justice, Indigenous issues, immigration and public safety.

He began his career at the Department of Justice Canada, advising on domestic and international human rights.

Jacob is a graduate of McGill University (BA), the University of Toronto Faculty of Law (LLB), the London School of Economics (LLM), and is a member of the Law Society of Ontario.