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Gilles Froment is the Senior Vice President of Government and Industry Relations at Lactalis Canada Inc. Gilles joined Lactalis Canada in 2016 and is a member of the Executive Team responsible for overseeing milk supply, regulatory affairs, trade, internal and external communications as well as relations with dairy farmers, government, industry stakeholders and associations.

As an economist, a trusted advisor and a recognized leader in the dairy industry in Canada and worldwide, Gilles came to Lactalis Canada in 2016 from the Canadian Dairy Commission where he served for almost 20 years culminating in the position of Chief Operating Officer after holding positions at the Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

He serves as an executive member on various industry Boards and associations including the Dairy Processors Association of Canada where he chairs the DPAC Policy Committee. He is also an Executive Board member and former Chair of the Ontario Dairy Council (ODC) and a founding Board member of the Western Dairy Council (WDC).

Gilles was also recently elected President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Dairy Federation (IDF) after serving on the Board of Directors for the past 4 years and as IDF Treasurer since 2022. Within this role, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Global Dairy Platform and as a Governor of the Dairy Sustainability Framework. Before that, he was Chair of the IDF Standing Committee on Dairy Policy and Economics from 2014 to 2020.

Gilles holds a B.Sc. in Economics from the University of Montreal as well as an M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from McGill University. He grew up on the family farm near Joliette, Quebec in Canada which is now operated by his two brothers.