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Ms. Setlakwe joined the former Industry Canada in 2008 as the Deputy Regional Executive Director with the Atlantic Regional Office. She later became the Director of the National Access Programs Directorate and Director General for Policy in the Science and Innovation Sector, based in Ottawa.

Ms. Setlakwe began her career with Revenue Canada Customs and Excise and went on to work with the Royal Bank of Canada, where she spent five years in the commercial finance sector in Atlantic Canada. Ms. Setlakwe subsequently joined the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency where she spent eight years in the field of regional economic development, holding a number of management positions in the areas of Programs, Trade and Investment, Corporate Services and Policy and Advocacy & Coordination.

