Canada's financial system is one of the safest and strongest in the world. This is due in part to effective financial sector policy, regulation and supervision, liquidity support, deposit insurance, recovery and resolution strategies and consumer protection and financial education.

These organizations comprise the Financial Institutions Supervisory Committee to share information on matters relating to the supervision of federally regulated financial institutions. These same partners also form the Senior Advisory Committee, which is a discussion forum for financial sector policy issues, including financial stability and systemic vulnerabilities. The Senior Advisory Committee supports the provision of advice to the Minister of Finance, and serves as a forum to coordinate actions among the agencies so that they reinforce each other.

**Department of Finance**

**Overall Responsibility for the Financial Sector Framework**

The Department of Finance supports the Minister of Finance in his broad responsibilities for all matters relating to the financial sector. The Minister has authority for federal financial sector legislation, including the governing legislation for each of the federal financial sector oversight agencies. Financial sector oversight agencies have clear and distinct mandates that contribute to the financial sector framework, including financial stability.

**Central Bank**

The Bank of Canada is the nation's central bank. Its principal responsibility is to promote the long-term economic and financial well-being of Canada, as defined in the Bank of Canada Act.

In its role of lender of last resort, the Bank of Canada provides financial support to financial institutions that are unable to obtain funds in the financial markets. The Bank also provides wholesale and other financial services to the Government of Canada.

**Tools**

- Promoting legislation or regulatory changes to enhance the financial sector framework
- Entering into a range of contacts to promote the stability and overall efficiency of the financial sector
- Establishing policies and taking regulatory actions to achieve these ends
- Reporting to Parliament on the financial sector agencies
- Developing the Federal Budget

**Deposit Insurance**

**Tools**

- Deposit protection for Canadians
- Promotes awareness of deposit protection
- Handles the failure of member institutions

**Regulation and Supervision**

OSFI works to ensure that banks are supervised to safeguard the interests of depositors, policyholders of insurance companies, and pension plan members. It also provides an independent examination service for Canada Pension Plan Investments Board (CPPIB) and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) Investments.

**Tools**

- Promoting awareness of deposit protection
- Deposits protection for Canadians

**Consumer Protection**

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada is the federal government agency mandated to protect financial consumers. As a financial sector regulator, it supervises one of Canada’s largest sectors: financial institutions. This sector includes banks, insurance companies, trust and loan companies, mortgage default insurance, and more. These financial sector organizations are supervised to ensure that they do not impose undue hardships on consumers or undermine the stability of the financial system.

**Tools**

- Supervision Framework (guidance, compliance agreements, enforcement)
- Commissioner’s Decisions and Administrative Monetary Penalties
- National Strategy on Financial Literacy
- Research projects
- Resources for consumers and educational programs