

## BIOGRAPHY:

### **Dr Don Lenihan – Senior Associate, Public Policy Forum & former Public Engagement Advisor to the Government of New Brunswick, Canada**

Donald G. Lenihan PhD.,M.A.,B.A. is Senior Associate at the Public Policy Forum, where he leads the *Crossing Boundaries Governance Programme*. He recently completed a one year term as Advisor to the Government of New Brunswick on Public Engagement. In that role, at the request of Premier Shawn Graham, he led a series of five pilot projects and developed a new model of public engagement for the provincial government. The final report from this project is now available at [www.crossingboundaries.ca](http://www.crossingboundaries.ca). He continues to advise the government of New Brunswick on issues related to public engagement.

Before going to New Brunswick, Don was President and CEO of the Crossing Boundaries National Council, a non-partisan, multi-stakeholder network from across Canada, whose mission was to act as a champion for the transformation of government and governance in Canada through the responsible use of information and communications technologies.

Don has over 20 years of experience as a writer, analyst, facilitator and speaker in areas ranging from electronic-government to citizenship and diversity. Before assuming his role at Crossing Boundaries, he founded the Centre for Collaborative Government, a not-for-profit think tank, on public policy and governance issues. He served for 5 years as the Director of research at the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) and, prior to that, worked for The Network on the Constitution as Director of research and Editor of The Network/Le Réseau, a national publication on national unity and constitutional issues.

Throughout his career, Don has developed and led dozens of national research and consultation projects involving senior public servants, academics, elected officials, journalists and members of the private and third sectors from across the country. He has been the principal writer on many of these projects, including, most recently Progressive Governance for Canadians: What You Need to Know, a book length study on governance. He is the author of numerous books, articles and studies, a former columnist with the Hill Times newspaper in Ottawa and the magazine CIO Government Review.