

Trudeau sees chance for Canada to build on US-Mexico trade deal

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Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he saw a possibility for Canada to build on a bilateral deal that the United States and Mexico have agreed upon.

"They (the United States and Mexico) made certain agreements. I think there's a possibility there to build on what they agreed," Trudeau said at an event hosted by the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, according to Reuters.

"But we know Canada's interests are what we have to stand up for ... we are looking for the right deal, not just for Canada but for the United States," he added.

The U.S. and Canada are currently at an impasse over negotiations about revising the North American Free Trade Agreement. Washington is demanding greater access to Canada's dairy market, while Ottawa is demanding the U.S. tone down its threats of auto tariffs.

Trump announced the deal with Mexico last month, but Canada was left out of the deal for now.

"We will see whether or not we decide to put up Canada or just do a separate deal with Canada, if they want to make the deal," Trump said, adding that the two nations would begin talking "relatively soon."