

Business Code of Conduct

Questions

- 1. What should a draft Code of Conduct look like (labour and human rights, protection of children and women, environment, other).***
- 2. What is the best role for business, government, citizens, in creating, promoting, enforcing a Code of Conduct.***
- 3. How can Canadians/Canada best address corruption issues.***
- 4. How can Canada best work with like-minded countries, including some in Asia-Pacific, in promoting a Code of Conduct.***

In the discussion, the group decided that in order to encourage the development and implementation of a Code of Conduct in Asia-Pacific, a set of core values needs to be established in consultation with NGOs, the business sector, and governmental organizations in the region. The International Labour Organization (ILO) was recommended as a possible model for the development of these values. In the ensuing discussion, the group agreed upon the following measures that could aid in the development of a Code of Conduct that had the potential to accurately reflect the interests of diverse sectors of society.

1) Roles of affected groups

- i) Non Governmental Organizations: public education, research, information gathering and evaluation, advocacy and identification, and promotion of "best practices."**
- ii) Government: research funding, communication, and negotiation with other affected governments in the region.**
- iii) Business: public and self education, research agenda support, and development and support of human rights issues in business affairs.**

2) Importance of combating corruption

- i) Necessity of a multilateral international process.**
- ii) Importance of the reformation of the legal systems in the region to reflect anticorruption and Code of Conduct standards.**