

Now that managers have more flexibility and control due to operating budgets, these weaknesses can now be addressed as a matter of priority.

- the APFC is a unique institution both in Canada, and on a global basis. Due to the peculiarity of Canada, and its position vis-a-vis Asia Pacific, it is agreed that this institution is needed more than when it was first established. Yet although the APFC has made progress, and distinguished itself as a delivery agent for Pacific 2000 language and awareness programming, it has not yet been able to play the strategic role it was originally designed for. In order to fulfil this role there is a need for:
  - increased private sector buy-in and financial participation should lead to improved sustainability of the APFC' in the long run;
  - an analytical "strategic guidance" role for the APFC, which could be centred in-house or be oriented to accessing these resources elsewhere within Canada;
  - a strategic re-focus based on exhaustive information gathering and analysis;
  - a greater commitment on the part of government to longer-term (minimum five-years) discretionary funding;
  - an accountability system is necessary for APFC activities to be measured;
    - whereby an evaluation Framework against which activities could be measured in the future is prepared by the APFC, subject to the Department's concurrence; and,
    - where there would be a commitment for an outside evaluator to complete an independent study of efficiency, economy and effectiveness.