

ROUNDTABLE ON THE AMERICAS:  
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*On August 30, 1999, the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development brought together a group of academics, government officials, NGO leaders, and business representatives to discuss their priorities, plans and activities in the Americas. The meeting was to share information, develop ideas, and identify areas of responsibility. The aim of this series is to engage Canadians across the country in developing Canadian foreign policy and approaches to Hemisphere issues. In preparation for the meeting, Nola-Kate Seymour, International Centre for Sustainable Cities, circulated a questionnaire to 14 organizations asking for information on priorities and suggestions for Canadian focus.*

**I Executive Summary**

After a welcome by Steven Ling, National Director of the CCTPD, and a brief overview of government policies and thinking by George Haynal, Assistant Deputy Minister Americas, Nola-Kate Seymour summarized the results of the questionnaire circulated in preparation for the roundtable. The aim of the questionnaire was to find out what are the priorities of selected civil society organizations involved with the Hemisphere. Respondents were asked to identify top opportunities for Canada's foreign policy. A summary of the questionnaire results is presented below. The full results are attached. (This page you will also find the respondents' calendars of planned events.)

*Summary of The Civil Society Questionnaire:*

- The respondents identified these five top priorities:*

  - 1. Equity and Inclusion*
  - 2. Strengthening Democratic Governance*
  - 3. Poverty and Income Distribution*
  - 4. Trade and Economic Liberalization*
  - 5. Environment and Sustainable Development*

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