



## Goals and Objectives

The Centre shares a strategic goal with the Minister, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Parliamentarians and others: better foreign policy for Canada. The Centre's other strategic goal is process change in the development of foreign policy: adding to the menu of policy options, and democratic legitimization of foreign policy, by integrating a public dimension into foreign policy making activities.

The new and important idea is public contributions to "making" foreign policy. This is a departure from more traditional government consultations with stakeholders.

## Role

In order to facilitate public contributions to policy making the Centre has a specific role to:

- alert citizens to opportunities for public contributions,
- promote a policy development network across the country,
- support policy development capacity in universities and colleges, NGOs and civil society and with Indigenous Peoples,
- help integrate public contributions to foreign policy making activities.

## Tools

The tools available for these tasks include:

- the Minister's Advisory Board which identifies issues that would benefit from public contributions to policy development,
- the policy projects fund (named to honour the late diplomat and teacher, John Holmes),
- a civil society and network fund for strengthening policy capacity,
- the Centre's web site for policy education, capacity building and policy conferences,
- the annual National Forum on Canada's International Relations.

*"I must congratulate you on the activities of the Centre for Foreign Policy Development.*

*The number and range of outreach initiatives you have undertaken in your first year is impressive."*

*Debbie Cook, Senior Analyst  
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