

A Renewed National Commitment to Sustain Canada's Forests

In 1998, Canadians renewed their commitment to sustainable forests nationwide by adopting a new five-year strategy aimed at bringing together the ecological, economic, social, and cultural aspects of forest conservation and use. The new National Forest Strategy (1998–2003) is a collective attempt (by governments, industry associations, environmental organizations, Aboriginal associations, and others) to develop a workable formula that reconciles the growing range of expectations placed on Canada's forests and forest managers; like its predecessor, it is the result of extensive public consultations organized by the CCFM.

The new strategy provides a framework that will guide the policies and actions of Canada's forest community into the new millennium. It builds on the many accomplishments of the previous strategy and addresses issues that have been identified as requiring special attention: for example, the need to complete an ecological classification of forest lands; the need to broaden the scope of forest inventories to include information on a wide range of forest values; the need to develop objective measures for testing and demonstrating sustainability under the national framework of criteria and indicators of

