

- participating actively in the broad-based debates and work programs to promote **sustainable development** in all its facets, including democracy and good governance, peace, economic opportunity, environmental protection, and respect for basic human and workers' rights.



It is not enough to want the right things; the Government also wants to make policy the right way. It wishes to make decisions that are attuned to what Canadians want—to the needs of the Canada we want—and to what Canada's partners around the world need. To have credibility in outlining the choices it faces and the paths it is taking, the Government tries to practise what it preaches: transparency and engagement.

- **Transparency** involves taking the time to continually explain what the Government is doing and why. It also involves pressing for increased openness in international trade discussions, as Canada has been doing successfully.
- That leads to the next step of **engagement** through consultation, communication and outreach. If Canadians know what is happening, they can present their ideas about trade policy. The results should shape and improve policy, whether they emerge from direct consultation or from the increasingly important parliamentary analysis of the trade and investment agenda. The Government's responsibility for listening is not limited to Parliament and dialogue partners, of course, as there is much thoughtful and informative commentary and analysis available from other sources. Similarly, it must engage Canada's international partners continually on the whole waterfront of international issues in order to build its understanding and place itself in a position to make contributions.