

# MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER JEAN CHRÉTIEN

**F**or two days this summer, the eyes of the world will be on Kananaskis, Alberta, as Canada proudly hosts the 28th G8 Summit.

On June 26 and 27, 2002, I will welcome to Canada the leaders of France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States, as well as the President of the European Commission and the President of the Government of Spain, as representatives of the European Union.

Kananaskis is located amid the breathtaking foothills of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. It is an ideal location for the focused and businesslike meeting my G8 partners and I would like to have.

While Canada has previously hosted three G8 summits, 2002 will mark the first time the summit has been held in western Canada. The meeting will provide a prime opportunity for showcasing the energy, dynamism and beauty of Alberta and the warmth of Albertans.

The agenda will be focused and substantive. We will discuss ways to strengthen global economic growth and fight terrorism. But the main theme is one I am especially committed to: how the G8 partners can work with African countries on strengthening governance, peace and security, education and health, and sustainable economic growth on that continent.

At the summit, we will adopt a G8 Africa Action Plan that responds

to the New Partnership for Africa's Development—an ambitious initiative conceived by some of Africa's most progressive leaders to reverse the marginalization of Africa from the globalization process. This visionary document was keenly endorsed by G8 leaders at the 2001 summit in Genoa. The objective of the Action Plan is to help define a new way of working with Africa on the basis of mutual obligations and accountability and of African ownership and leadership of the development process.

Other G8 issues on which we will seek progress in 2002 include reducing global poverty, promoting universal primary education, halting the spread of HIV/AIDS, and bridging the digital divide.

The Kananaskis summit will be the culmination of a year-long process. We will take stock of our achievements and map out our work for the future. Following the summit, a short Chair's Statement—instead of a lengthy, negotiated communiqué—will be issued, reflecting the leaders' talks.

I encourage you to find out more about Canada's hosting of the 2002 G8 process and the Kananaskis summit by visiting [www.g8.gc.ca](http://www.g8.gc.ca) 🍁



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## SUMMIT VENUES

- 1975 – Rambouillet, France
- 1976 – San Juan, Puerto Rico, U.S.
- 1977 – London, U.K.
- 1978 – Bonn, Germany
- 1979 – Tokyo, Japan
- 1980 – Venice, Italy
- 1981 – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- 1982 – Versailles, France
- 1983 – Williamsburg, U.S.
- 1984 – London, U.K.
- 1985 – Bonn, Germany
- 1986 – Tokyo, Japan
- 1987 – Venice, Italy
- 1988 – Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 1989 – Paris, France
- 1990 – Houston, U.S.
- 1991 – London, U.K.
- 1992 – Munich, Germany
- 1993 – Tokyo, Japan
- 1994 – Naples, Italy
- 1995 – Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
- 1996 – Lyon, France
- 1997 – Denver, U.S.
- 1998 – Birmingham, U.K.
- 1999 – Köln, Germany
- 2000 – Okinawa, Japan
- 2001 – Genoa, Italy
- 2002 – Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada