

have to work both to respond to these new demands, and to integrate successful approaches into the mainstream of regular development assistance and diplomatic activities. Consultations with the Canadian NGO sector are critical to keeping our peacebuilding efforts sharp, in touch with the latest thinking outside government, and relevant to the needs of the people in societies in conflict whom we are trying to assist. I look forward to your contributions to a spirited and forward-looking debate.

Thank you.

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