

Canada–Russia Relations

- Prime Minister Jean Chrétien made an official visit to Moscow and Saint Petersburg in 1997. President Vladimir Putin made a state visit to Canada in December 2000.
- Recent Russian visitors to Canada include the Speaker of the lower house of the national legislature, in May 2001, and the Foreign Minister and the ministers of Natural Resources and of Finance in 2000. In December 2000, high-ranking officials from the presidential administration; the Minister of Federation Affairs, Nationalities and Migration Policy; and several regional leaders attended the Forum of Federations roundtable in Ottawa.
- Canada's ministers of Foreign Affairs, Intergovernmental Affairs, and National Defence visited Russia in May and June 2001. In 2000, Canada's ministers of Foreign Affairs, Public Works and Government Services, and Citizenship and Immigration, as well as the Secretary of State (Science, Research and Development) visited Russia.
- Canada's International Trade Minister led representatives of more than 60 firms on a business mission to Russia in June 2000. This mission saw the signing of \$800 million worth of commercial documents.
- Canada and Russia meet regularly in such international forums as the United Nations, the G-8, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the NATO–Russia Permanent Joint Council, the Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation forum (APEC), and the Arctic Council.
- Formal dialogue is structured chiefly through the Strategic Stability Talks and the Intergovernmental Economic Commission.
- The Strategic Stability Talks bring working-level officials from Canada and Russia together each year to discuss a broad range of global security issues. The most recent meeting was held in Ottawa in December 2000.
- The Intergovernmental Economic Commission was established under the 1993 Canada–Russia Agreement on Economic Cooperation, which aims to improve trade and investment flows between the two countries. The Commission met most recently on June 29, 2000, in Moscow, and was co-chaired by Canada's Minister for International Trade, and a Deputy Prime Minister of Russia. The next meeting will be in Canada in the fall of 2001.