

indicated the leaders' desire to continue to exchange views on their common values and on best practices in progressive governance.

The meeting of leaders in Berlin was immediately preceded by a conference involving experts from each of the participating countries. The Canadian delegation of experts participated actively in workshops on the new economy, civil society, and modern governance. At the leaders' meeting, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien tabled a paper entitled "The Canadian Way" (www.pm.gc.ca/thecanadianway). It highlighted the way Canada is responding to the challenges of modern governance — a distinctly Canadian model that is a reflection of Canadian values and builds on this country's own particular strengths, history and culture.

Stockholm meeting of leaders

An experts' meeting was held in Stockholm in June 2001, in advance of the leaders' summit that was scheduled for Sept. 14–15, 2001. (The summit was postponed, however, due to the events of September 11.) During the experts' meeting, papers outlining best practices in each country in seven areas — active welfare, health care, multiculturalism, sustainable development, prevention of drug-related crime, the digital divide, and building on international social compact — were discussed in workshops. As in Berlin, a delegation of Canadian experts participated in all workshops.

Leaders met in Stockholm in February 2002 to consider the issues that had been discussed at the experts meeting in June 2001. Leaders from Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, and the United Kingdom attended this meeting. The communiqué released by the leaders highlighted the importance of increased international co-operation in building peace and freedom and aiding in development. The communiqué reflected a continuing effort to work for social justice through economic discipline, investing in knowledge, and revitalizing political systems.

London meeting of leaders

As in the case of the Berlin and Stockholm summits, the leaders' meeting in London will be preceded by a conference of experts. A Canadian delegation will participate in workshops on seven issues: the new welfare state and knowledge economy; public service renewal; rights and responsibilities; corporate reform; global governance; migration and social integration; science, technology and risk.