

Ubuntu Village (site where participating countries displayed their environmental and sustainable development policies and technologies)

- participated in the opening ceremonies
- announced Canada's renewal of the mandate of the International Model Forest Secretariat, based in Ottawa
- announced the establishment of the Regional Model Forest Centre for Latin America
- presented Canada's position on the African Process for the Development and Protection of the Coastal and Marine Environment, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa
- outlined Canada's serious concerns regarding the disastrous effects on its North at the Arctic Council's Early Warnings and Sustainable Solutions: Climate Change and the Arctic Council event, emphasizing Canada's leadership in signing and ratifying the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Visits Related to Environmental Projects, Sites and Technologies

Agri-Plas, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

- recycles plastics into plastic wood
- requires no maintenance and removes plastics from landfills
- the wood has the strength of natural wood, greater durability and no toxicity

Altonorte Copper Smelter (owned and operated by Noranda), Antofagasta, Chile

- an environmentally responsible copper smelter

Atlantic Wind Test Site, North Cape, Prince Edward Island

- eight wind turbines generate 16.6 million kilowatt hours of clean electricity per year
- a three-megawatt turbine will be installed in 2003
- by Phase III, wind turbines will produce 10 percent of P.E.I.'s electrical energy needs

Biovillage, Pondicherry, India

- an IDRC (International Development Research Centre)-aided model facility for sustainable farming

Criciuma, Santa Catarina, Brazil

- remediation projects focusing on coal mines and contaminated waterways