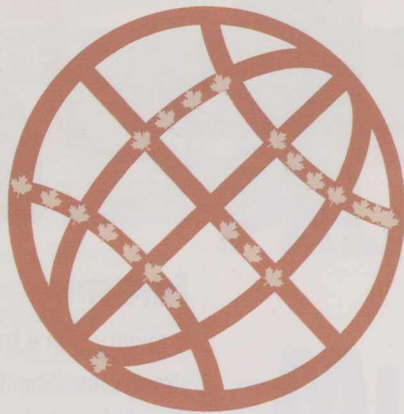


# Canadian Centre For Foreign Policy Development



*Canadians interested in our nation's foreign policy have an opportunity to help shape it through the ongoing work of the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development (CCFPD). The Centre was created with the belief that stronger engagement of the public makes for policy that better serves the interests of Canadians. Issues the Centre has been active in range from peacekeeping to development assistance, human rights, free media, telecommunications and conflict resolution.*

The Centre reaches out to Canadians by hosting specific events and managing a fund that supports policy option projects. Recent events include:

- The National Forum — a series of events across the country promoting policy discussions around a specific issue. This year's forum focussed on Arctic issues and our relations with other Arctic nations. Input from those discussions helped shape Canada's policy in preparation for the Arctic Council, a meeting of eight Arctic nations hosted by Canada in Iqaluit on September 17 and 18. At that meeting, ministers, Indigenous peoples and other participants discussed plans and priorities for co-operative efforts on social, economic and environmental issues.
- Roundtable discussions involving experts and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on limiting the use of small arms in internal conflicts around the world.
- Co-hosting the conference "Human Rights and the Internet" in which participants explored how to use the Internet to protect and promote human rights and the leadership role Canada should take. This complements ongoing discussions of the CCFPD to promote co-operation between government and NGOs on human rights issues.

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*We encourage you to get involved in our events.*

