

## Objectives of the project

The goals, objectives and outputs of the project were:

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- To propose monitoring and enforcement mechanisms that make international human rights provisions more effective and useful to affected constituencies in Canada.
- To develop and on-going plan to:
  - Provide civil society input into the review of the mandate of the Canadian Human Rights Commission and of the *Canadian Human Rights Act*.
  - Suggest means to facilitate civil society participation in the monitoring of and reporting on the implementation of internationally recognized human rights in Canada. Ways of working with the new Senate Committee on Human Rights will be explored as one mechanism for civil society participation.
  - Encourage greater federal-provincial collaboration in the ratification and implementation of international human rights instruments.

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- To advance the implementation of international human rights in Canada.
- To develop a greater understanding of Canada's human rights instruments internationally and domestically, and of their interdependence.
- To identify points of intersection between human rights constituencies in Canada and to encourage collaboration between them.
- To facilitate the sharing of information, policy advocacy skills and resources amongst civil society groups working to promote human rights in Canada and internationally.

### Outputs:

- Three discussion papers will be written and made available to the public after the Consultation.
- The Working Groups will draft Action Plans that will be voted upon in the final plenary session and then collated and made available.
- A Final Report will be produced and distributed.

## Methodology and Process

A national consultation on human rights was held November 26-27, 1999 in Ottawa. Three discussion papers were produced for the consultation, and sent ahead of time to participants:

- "The Protection of Social and Economic Rights under the *Canadian Human Rights Act*," by Martha Jackman and Bruce Porter;
- "Civil Society Participation in the Process of Reporting and Monitoring Implementation of International Human Rights: The Domestic Dimension," by Pierre Bosset; and