

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (Continued)

Objective	Goal
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY	Cooperative international action on issues of global concern, supported by an international system in which world trade, economic growth, business development, international investment and capital flows, social equity and environmental protection are mutually supportive objectives; governed by open, rules-based processes and mechanisms for fostering sustainable and equitable economic growth and development, cooperation and communication, and instruments for dispute resolution.
BUILDING PEACE AND SECURITY	A more secure and peaceful world where global peace and security is supported by the rule of law and cooperative efforts on arms control, conflict prevention/peace-building, democracy, good governance, and a collaboration to combat terrorism, transnational crime, and drug trafficking.
CANADIAN VALUES AND CULTURE	The projection abroad of Canadian values and culture that support sustainable social development, including the common security and well-being of all peoples through environmental protection, with the focus on democratic development, human rights, the rights of indigenous peoples, ready access to health and education, reduction of poverty, social equity and diversity.
GREENING OPERATIONS	The responsible management and delivery of departmental programs and operations in which sustainable development considerations are factored into decision-making and which directly contribute to, and support, the achievement of sustainable development goals and objectives.

The Department's challenge is twofold: to work both inside and outside the country to achieve its goals. Within Canada, the Department has a responsibility to work with all levels of government and civil society to ensure an integrated approach to the implementation of sustainable development practices through consensus building, training, and drafting of legislation.

Outside Canada, the challenge is more complex. Sustainable development is inherently an international concept. Many of the issues that require cooperation among individuals, industry and governments within Canada also require cooperation among nations. In the resolution of issues such as climate change, ozone depletion and resource conservation, Canada must work with other countries toward common goals. In the international environment, the Department's strengths, skill sets, knowledge base, contextual understanding, and geographical expertise enable it to contribute to the realization of global SD goals

through negotiation, mediation, and consensus building.

SUMMARY

While SD issues are long-term in nature, they require immediate action in terms of policy decisions and commitments to action. The objectives developed by the Department highlight areas in which DFAIT, by virtue of its mandate and the unique skill set of its workforce, is best placed to move the global SD agenda forward.

Departmental strengths in negotiation, consensus building, mediation, and promotion of dialogue through transparency and openness will contribute to the achievement of its objectives and targets for sustainable development. *Agenda 2000* clarifies what the Department is doing right, what it needs to do better and where it can make the most difference.

