

to which their charters and performance reflect the principles of sustainable development, (b) their transparency, (c) whether each effectively coordinates with others internationally and through their national programming, and (d) their compatibility with strengths Canada has to offer. The established criteria should be explicitly stated and developed with public input.

In order to improve the performance and accountability of individual international organizations, transparent evaluation and monitoring mechanisms must be established. Further, these mechanisms should be linked. In promoting reform, a rewards-based approach is preferable to a punitive strategy.

Promoting policy coherence and reform. There was strong agreement that the absence of policy coherence is a central challenge to the effective performance of international organizations. Many currently operate at cross purposes with each other. Overcoming the lack of policy coherence among international organizations (particularly among the United Nations, the Bretton Woods Institutions, and the World Trade Organization) should be a central goal of Canadian policy.

iii. Canada should continue its leadership in promoting program coordination and amalgamation among international organizations and in eliminating duplication, building on its experience in facilitating a rationalization of AIDS programs among UN agencies.

iv. Canada should put in place more effective inter-departmental policy coordination mechanisms to ensure that Canadian interventions in international organizations are consistent and that resources are maximized.