

Introduction

This document is a summary report on the South Asia Partnership Canada 1997 Annual Forum on *Strengthening Civil Society: Progressive Strategy or Smokescreen?* held in Ottawa, Calgary, and Antigonish between October 1-8. It provides an overview of the workshops, including key outputs, lessons learned in terms of planning and organizing the workshop and follow-up. The substantive content of workshop presentations and discussions are not included; they are being prepared as a feedback on civil society and will be complete by early 1998.

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The Workshops

These questions deserve exploration. To do so, South Asia Partnership held a series of workshops on *Strengthening Civil Society: Progressive Strategy or Smokescreen?* in three locations across Canada. The workshops were held in Ottawa, Calgary, and Antigonish, with a total of 214 participants, 118 from the U.K. and

Annexes

1. Workshop Program
2. Lists of Resource People
3. Lists of Participants
4. Expense Report

Overview of the Workshops

Workshop Location	Date	Participants	Facilitator
Ottawa	October 1-3, 1997	70	[Name]
Calgary	October 6-8, 1997	70	[Name]
Antigonish	October 6-8, 1997	74	[Name]