

Data on Key Opportunities

- Economic – control of TNCs and financial speculation -- provide moderate line
 - Demonstrate integrated approach to economic environmental and social well being
 - Environmental – technologies and regulatory frameworks, in FTAA negotiations with social and labour
 - Urban expertise and technologies and financing (including housing, transportation etc.)
 - Race relations (indigenous to indigenous)
- To show leadership in challenging the free trade dogma in order to promote alternative strategies of integration based on Canadian values
 - Canada should continue to promote the involvement of civil society and think more creatively on incorporation of a labour forum and working group on labour/social issues
- Hemispheric events being hosted by Canada (FTAA, OAS General Assembly, Summit of the Americas/SIRG)
 - Ongoing bilateral political and trade dialogue with each country of the hemisphere
 - UN fora around millennium events including the WTO process
- Building mutual confidence/trust (learning more about each other, establishing personal contact, develop long term relationships)
 - Free trade
 - Encouraging development of SMEs and entrepreneurial spirit together with international business culture
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance the cause of economic growth • Advance trade and investment liberalization • Promote 'know-how' and technology transfer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Supporting economic growth in the region through expanded trade, investment etc. 4. Support for democratization and human rights 5. Support for environmental sustainability |
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- Ratification of American Convention on Human Rights and San Salvador Protocol
 - Civil society participation at OAS and other venues
 - UN and OAS declarations on indigenous rights
- Demonstrating and promoting broad citizen participation in hemispheric institutions and processes
 - Demonstrate leadership in creating mechanisms to monitor, promote, and protect social and environmental sustainability and human rights in hemispheric trade and economic agreements
 - Demonstrate leadership in looking critically at issues of violence
- Economic development/trade
 - State building – training of police/creation of inclusive social policies (e.g. disabled, youth, etc.) / engaging civil society
 - Justice for indigenous peoples (particularly youth)
- Continue to actively promote negotiations and substantive liberalization agenda amongst FTAA counterparts
 - Based on a relatively large market compared to most FTAA negotiating countries, market openings in Canada can help leverage market access liberalization amongst FTAA negotiating countries
 - Canada's experience with the USA through FTA/NAFTA can help to demonstrate to FTAA countries the significant benefits of trade and investment liberalization, even as a smaller partner in a free trade agreement

4. Activities and Events Planned

The following activities are planned by groups responding to the questionnaire:

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- On steering committee of Americas Civil Society forum – Nov 99
- Policy research and analysis on hemisphere issues: social inclusion; equitable trade; economic, social, cultural rights; democratic participation
- Increased work on OAS-related policy issues