REPORT FROM THE AMBASSADOR FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Participation at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), Johannesburg, South Africa

Preparatory

Second Industry Session of the WSSD consultations, Ottawa, Ontario

opening and closing remarks

Second WSSD Preparatory Committee Meeting, New York, New York

- presented Canada's country statement
- delivered Canada's intervention: "Pollution Prevention:
 An Essential Element of Sustainability"

Fourth WSSD Preparatory Committee Meeting, Bali, Indonesia

- member of the Canadian delegation
- delivered Canada's interventions at stakeholder sessions
- spoke at the Indonesian People's Forum
- spoke at the Corporate Social Responsibility Forum
- participated in the United Nations Environment Programme private sector event
- addressed the NGOs in the Canadian delegation

Summit

- member of the Canadian delegation
- attended plenaries
- intervened in health negotiations, emphasizing Canada's strong position on universal access to health services, human rights and the correlation between health and environmental factors
- met with local and international NGOs and toured Nasrec, site of the Civil Society Forum
- met with NGOs and toured the WaterDome, site of local, national and international water projects and technologies
- attended the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives
 Forum, where Industry Canada presented its Sustainable Cities Initiative
- attended the Equator Initiative Awards presentations
- chaired a panel on Transitioning to a Clean Air Economy at the Parliamentary Workshop on Clean Air and Clean Water, organized by Parliamentarians for Global Action
- attended the Business Action for Sustainable Development Lekgotia Business Day
- participated in UNESCO and the South African Ministry of Education's Educating for a Sustainable Future: Action, Commitments and Partnerships event