

Canada's place at the summit table

Canada is proud to join other leading advanced countries in helping shape and influence world developments on a variety of issues. Canada's participation at the summit table, since 1976, ensures that Canada is able to influence global economic, trade and political developments.

Summits also advance political issues important to Canada. Globalization brings with it new economic opportunities, but also new challenges. Summits have provided a forum for the international community to work together to meet these challenges. Canada has used the summit process to push key thematic issues such as peacebuilding and conflict prevention, international crime, terrorism, respect for human rights, disarmament, and the elimination of anti-personnel landmines. The summits have also addressed key regional issues, including support for the Middle East peace process, the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the great lakes region of Africa.

Canada brings a unique perspective to the summit table given its role as an internationalist and its membership in such key organizations as the UN, the WTO, the OECD, APEC, the Commonwealth, La Francophonie and the Organization of American States.

All Canadians benefit from the strengthened ties among the eight countries. These ties that result help develop common approaches to key global issues of concern to us all.