Third, there are global issues (for example, climate change, water, transboundary pollution, and natural hazards) where scientific data are integral to good policies for either preventative or remedial action or resolution. Fourth, and finally, the creative application of modern earth science technologies is enriching as well as empowering Canadians in implementing sustainable development principles in land use decisions to their own benefit, as well as to the benefit of future generations of Canadians.

For Canada, sustainable development is best represented as a journey, not a destination. The monographs described above, as well as the other monographs in the Sustainable Development in Canada Monograph Series, are milestones on this journey, and we invite you to join us and share our experiences.