

We know there are limitations not only to our food production capability but to the extent to which Canadian experience is immediately relevant to the problems of rural development in developing countries. From Canadian experience, we have learned that rural development is damnably difficult. As I have indicated, we are re-examing our international assistance operations in an effort to make them meet more effectively the needs of our partners in development. What we hope to hear at this conference from our developing country partners is some plain talk about their priorities. We want to match our response more closely to their needs. Thank you.