
Youth Round Table, the Minister receives information that is crucial to effective policy development.

In addition, Environment Canada has piloted an initiative to involve young Canadians in international meetings as journalists. In past years, there has been a lack of material available to youth in a language that is both familiar and motivating. Youth journalists attending the international events are in a good position to communicate the knowledge gained to other young people in Canada and internationally.

Environment Canada has also led the development of the International Environmental Youth Corps to engage youth in addressing global environmental issues. This would provide opportunities for young Canadian adults to take part in international placements. These would foster their long-term employability in the private environmental sector while strengthening the capacity of the sector to expand Canadian exports and trade.

Canada's Minister of the Environment, after attending the meeting of the Commission for Sustainable Development in April 1996, requested that Environment Canada participate in the pilot testing of the Rescue Mission Indicators Project so that young Canadians could assess the state of their environment and create their own local Agenda 21s. To date, twenty Canadian schools have agreed to pilot test these sustainable development indicators, and the Canadian results and experiences will be reported to the Minister of the Environment and brought to the United Nations later in 1997.

Economic

Global Economy

Many young people are active in changing economic practices and thinking. Beside consumption issues, they are concerned about the global economic system and its impact on their communities. Many rural youths and those in resource-based communities find decisions made far away affect their local