

Agenda 2000 was forwarded to a broad range of Aboriginal organizations across Canada. The Minister and other senior Departmental officials discussed many of the SD issues contained in the Strategy with representatives of the aboriginal community throughout 1996-97.

Written consultations included those with

- (1) provincial governments
- (2) environmental groups
- (3) members of the industrial sector
- (4) members of the business sector
- (5) retired heads of mission
- (6) interested members of the public.

Broad public review of Agenda 2000 began in February 1997 with the establishment of the Department's Sustainable Development web site which posted the various drafts of the document.

Agenda 2000 provides the first framework for the application of sustainable development principles to the Department's interests. The input of the broader community, through the consultative process, served to strengthen the framework with suggestions for a more integrated approach to the achievement of the Department's immediate goals. It also placed emphasis on the need for a federal sustainable development strategy that identifies both inter-departmental and government/business responsibility for the ongoing development and implementation of long-term goals.