

VISIT OVERVIEW

The visit of President Oscar Arias to Canada on April 5-10 will be the first visit ever made to Canada by a president of Costa Rica. It provides an historic opportunity to reaffirm Canada's close bilateral ties with Central America's longest-functioning democracy.

The visit will also enable Canadian leaders to review recent developments in the Central American peace process with President Arias, who was awarded the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize for his contributions to the search for peace in the region. Such an occasion is particularly welcome in light of Canada's commitment to give full support to the Central American peace process, including possible participation in an international peace verification mechanism.