



We have made a special effort to involve universities and academics and students outside the traditional foreign policy loop (University of Saskatchewan, University of Northern British Columbia, University of P.E.I., University of Sherbrooke, and others).

Our support for conferences has been limited to those conferences which promise policy options results. This has had two effects: limiting the number of

contributions to conferences, and encouraging conference organizers to think about policy relevance and policy options development.

■ NGOs, Civil Society and Youth

We have paid particular attention to the need to better understand the capacities of broader civil society, youth and Indigenous Peoples to contribute to foreign policy. The Canadian Council for International Cooperation has produced a survey of NGO capacity (Occasional Paper #2), and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has been consulted to further this understanding. Business and labour were involved in the National Forum. We have undertaken other projects in partnership with journalists, lawyers, doctors, students, artists, teachers, media experts, Indigenous Peoples, womens groups, and youth organizations (see project highlights). Youth projects include policy options projects about youth (child labour, childrens rights, education) and projects by youth (university students, high school students and children's festival activities).

The goal is to broaden the participation of citizens in foreign policy discussion and foreign policy making beyond traditional stakeholders to a wider circle of civil society.

