

- Helping to establish a University of the Arctic designed to foster academic excellence and sustainability including traditional knowledge, using distance-education techniques; and supporting the enhancement of a Canadian and circumpolar policy research network, taking into account the importance of traditional knowledge, that can strengthen policy-relevant capacity to provide assistance to the work of the Arctic Council.
- Developing and expanding opportunities to assist Russia in addressing its northern challenges through strengthened bilateral activities, and by working with our circumpolar partners in various regional forums and in the European Union.
- Promoting the study and practical application of means for circumpolar countries and communities to develop sustainable economic opportunities and trade across the Arctic circumpolar region.

A Canadian strategy for a northern foreign policy was developed through a unique and extensive process of consultation with Canadians, including Aboriginal peoples, other northerners, parliamentarians, policy experts and many others. This was a deliberate process of public engagement, and one that the government intends to continue as the Northern Dimension of Canada's Foreign Policy is implemented and further developed. To this end, the government, led by the Ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs, will maintain a permanent outreach program domestically and internationally, in an effort to seek views and feedback on Canada's foreign policy priorities for the circumpolar Arctic region as they evolve. Flexibility to respond to new ideas, trends and initiatives, as well as to refocus existing priorities, will be built in to the Northern Dimension of Canada's Foreign Policy to ensure that an ongoing consultative process is fully interactive and dynamic.