

- The Framework for Environmental Co-operation Into the 21st Century, signed during the Prime Minister's visit to China in November 1998, provides an opportunity for Canada to enhance co-operation with China.
- The framework stipulates that environmental co-operation should continue to be guided by the principles contained in government agreements as well as in international declarations and agreements, such as the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol.
- Canada and China have several agreements and arrangements in place, including a general agreement on development co-operation and memorandums of understanding on meteorological programs, the environment, and renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- Through a memorandum of understanding on the environment between Environment Canada and the Chinese State Environmental Protection Administration and through the Development Co-operation Program of the Canadian International Development Agency, Canada is providing China with environmental technologies and services, technical training, management expertise, and applied research.
- Canada also supports the China Council for International Co-operation on Environment and Development, a non-governmental consultative organization which aims to strengthen co-operation between China and the international community and to assist China in developing integrated policies that recognize the critical linkages between environmental sustainability and economic and social development.
- Canada is also working with China's State Environmental Protection Agency in a number of areas, including water pollution, water basin management, hazardous and solid waste management, the analysis of toxic pollutants, ozone depletion and the application of the Montreal Protocol.

Human Rights, Good Governance and the Rule of Law

- Canada works with the Chinese government and through international institutions to urge that China respect its obligations under the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In 1997, Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister announced a package of human rights initiatives between Canada and China.
- Canada and China have established a joint committee on human rights to address such issues as political and civil rights, religious freedoms,