

experienced and skilled judiciary at home. Involvement of Canadian judges in projects abroad would strengthen Canada's moral standing in the world. It would also reflect the Canadian government's efforts to support democratic development and good governance world-wide. There is a history of Canadian judges' involvement worth building on. A point was raised that "representing Canada" abroad may not be the right path to promote the initiative. Judges are and should remain to be seen as independent from the government. Working under a national banner or, even worse, a government directive may compromise perceptions of their independence and impartiality.

4. Synergy should be created, drawing on other judicial initiatives, such as, the International Judicial Education project, as well as work of judicial bodies including the International Judges Association and the International Women Judges Association.
5. A plan of activities should be created along with a roster and submitted to the Canadian Judicial Council for review and approval.
6. Awareness about the initiative should be raised.
7. If approval is secured, a pilot project should be developed and launched to test the new system.
8. After a pilot project has been completed and evaluated, long term objectives should be addressed.

Key to this plan is the commitment and the will of the Canadian government. The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Department of Justice and the Canadian International Development Agency have to express the value and the need for this involvement of the Canadian judiciary abroad. Participants representing these departments were encouraged to promote the initiative with their superiors.