

and civil society. They adopted, among the priorities for the coming years, Sustainable Development. In that context, OECD countries are seeing increasing evidence of the role played by innovation, research, knowledge and information and communications technology as drivers of productivity, employment and growth. At the same time, Ministers agreed that biotechnology is of growing importance to our societies because of its far-reaching consequences for human health, health care, agro-food production and sustainable development. The OECD is working to contribute to deepening international understanding and cooperation in managing the benefits and risks and helping to promote public confidence, including through the enhancement of transparent policies.

More specifically, the OECD will seek to inform the policy debate on the design, implementation and assessment of S&T policy, taking into account that public perceptions have become an essential factor in the successful application of recent scientific and technical advances. This entails maintaining and adapting its information base and using statistical information to identify and strengths and weaknesses of S&T policies of member countries and provide directions for improvement. In 2002, innovation, R&D and the research for new synergies and partnerships will be given particular attention, including an improved dialogue with civil society. This coincides with Canada's Innovation Strategy; investing in people, knowledge and opportunity.

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