

Immigration Canada, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Canadian Solicitor General's Office, the U.S. Department of Justice, Transport Canada, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. While each of these agencies continued to work through their binational groups on operational issues, they agreed to take an integrated look at the various aspects of border management in meetings with local leaders.

The first *Canada-U.S. Partnership* meetings were held April 11-12 in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario and Buffalo, New York. The second CUSP meetings were held June 22-23 in Vancouver, British Columbia and Blaine, Washington. Acting Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs Peter Romero and Assistant Deputy Minister-Americas George Haynal chaired the CUSP meetings. They were joined by senior officials from both countries' customs, immigration, law enforcement and transportation agencies.

In both sets of meetings, private sector participants included representatives of cross-border companies, the transportation and tourism sectors, NGOs and academic institutions. Public sector participants included Members of Parliament, members of provincial and state legislatures, Canadian and U.S. mayors, representatives from U.S. congressional offices, representatives from U.S. governors' offices, and provincial and state government officials. (See participant lists at Annex 2.) In addition to the discussions with local leaders, federal government officials toured U.S. inspection facilities at the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge and visited the Blaine Peace Arch border crossing.