# The 2001 Summit of the Americas



The first Summit of the Americas took place in 1994 in Miami, and the second was in 1998 in Santiago, Chile. Both meetings fostered practical co-operation on issues of direct relevance to Canada's economic and human

security priorities. The Action Plan adopted in Santiago mandated efforts in four areas: education, democracy, the reduction of poverty and discrimination, and economic integration and free trade.

From April 20 to 22, 2001, Presidents and Prime Ministers will convene at the Summit of the Americas in Québec City to chart a course for the new millennium. As Chair of the Summit, Canada will play a leadership role in developing the agenda and overseeing the preparatory process.

At the Summit, Canada will work in close consultation with our partners, among them the OAS, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Pan American Health Organization, the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the World Bank. The aim will be to ensure the development of a Plan of Action that is people-focussed and practical.

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