

L'Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale (AQOCI) coordinates the Quebec Network on Hemispheric Integration. The constituency goes far beyond its membership of international co-operation NGOs to include the three main trade unions, the membership of Solidarité Populaire du Québec, and the Quebec network of environmental organizations. It has developed links with similar organizations in Latin America and the United States as well as with the Action Canada Network. The members work to make sustainable human development the goal of trade and investment policies in the hemisphere. NAFTA, APEC, and the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) are all important objects of study and advocacy.

ICCAF is a member of the Halifax Initiative and works within that coalition around issues of structural adjustment, debt, and IFI reform. John Mihevc, an ICCAF staff person, is a member of the NGO Steering Committee for the Structural Adjustment Participatory Review Initiative, a review arising out of the "50 Years is Enough" Campaign. This joint NGO/World Bank initiative will review the impact of structural adjustment in four African countries (Mali, Ghana, Zimbabwe, and Uganda), three Asian countries, and three Latin American countries. The committee will also arrange its own review of Mexico, where the government did not agree to participate. A forum of NGOs in each country will take part in the review.

ICCAF is also using its research to prepare short popular pieces on the impact of debt and structural adjustment in particular African countries, notably Mozambique and Zambia, and has prepared a book on economic justice issues, Toward a Moral Economy: Responses to Poverty in the North and South.

Much of the action in the community on these issues during 1997 is focused on preparations for the People's Summit, a parallel NGO forum to be held at the time of the APEC summit in Vancouver in November. A wide range of organizations in civil society will participate. The Canadian Organizing Network for the People's Summit groups key members of the environmental, labour, human rights, and women's movements. NGOs will organize events, seminars, and forums around issues of concern to them. The underlying theme is the need to ensure that agreements to increase the level of economic integration in the Asia Pacific region take into account the related social and political concerns of the citizens of APEC member countries. Members of the international cooperation community will organize sessions on sustainability issues, including aquaculture and fish stock depletion, sustainable agriculture and food security, mining, forestry, and energy alternatives. Among the agencies organizing these sessions are the BC Council for International Co-operation, CUSO, Inter Pares, the Philippines Development Assistance