

World Conference Against Racism. As well, the program could draw valuable lessons provided by a second mentor, Erica Daes, the "grandmother" of this international movement.

The discussion leaders were Professor Henderson, Lea Nicholas MacKenzie, Dr. John F. Harity, Wanda McCaslin, and Professor Len Findlay.

Mention of inclusive participation, especially women's leadership in international Aboriginal initiatives, provided Lea Nicholas MacKenzie. She is a seasoned independent consultant and former chief of staff to the AFN and political advisor to the National Chief and Associate Deputy Minister's Office in INAC.

Dr. John F. Harity, the Director of Canada's Biodiversity Convention Office, discussed the efforts of the negotiations and obtaining Aboriginal input into policy making.

Wanda McCaslin, Research Officer and YIIP Co-ordinator at the Native Law Centre, then noted that building and sustaining trust was also an essential element of the DFAIT Youth International Internship Program that she co-ordinates on behalf of the Native Law Centre of Canada.

Professor Len Findlay, Director of the Humanities Research Unit at the University of Saskatchewan, and previous Vice President International of the Social Science and Humanity Confederation explained the international effort to affirm Indigenous Humanities with international organizations and institutes. His written comments can be found in **Appendix C**.

#### **ENHANCEMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL ABORIGINAL VOICE AND CONSULTATIONS**

Professor Henderson summarized the need for the constitutional voices of Aboriginal peoples of Canada in foreign affairs. He explained the recent courts' explanation of the duty of good faith consultation between federal departments and Aboriginal peoples of Canada. The participants agreed that consultation and the enhancement of the constitutional Aboriginal voice was a key issue. Often the Aboriginal voice is wrongly viewed as an interest group, a vulnerable racial