

We must support greater policy coherence at the international level, to address not only the economic, but also the social, environmental, health, and cultural consequences of globalization.

We will have to meet the challenge of building an international agenda that is coherent and governance structures that are more transparent and that engage civil society domestically and internationally.

CLOSING REMARKS

I would like to conclude my remarks by stressing the importance of Canada-Japan dialogue and collaboration, particularly on such critical issues as ageing, health, and work and family. I look forward to your deliberations since it is through sharing of knowledge, ideas and experience on issues of common concern that we will effectively learn and benefit from each other. I am honored to participate in this exchange between Canada and Japan, and I am committed to our partnership in social policy research.

Thank you.