

# SELECTED CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

Gap between rich and poor  
 Environmental degradation (water, soil, air)  
 Lack of integration of approaches to issues  
 Lack of housing and infrastructure  
 Corruption and lack of rule of law  
 Weak civil society, no participation in governance  
 Dominance of economy by transnational corporations  
 Money speculation  
 Land speculation  
 Race relations - indigenous peoples

Market access  
 Standards and non-tariff barriers to trade  
 Customs procedures and rules of origin  
 Subsidies, antidumping and countervailing duties  
 Competition policy  
 Government procurement  
 Technology and intellectual property rights  
 Investments  
 Services  
 Facilitating growth of e-commerce throughout region

Where should Canadian support go?  
 Support human rights vs expanding trade?  
 Support government institutions like police and military vs opposition parties, free media, civil society, and society building (women's & peasants groups)?  
 Importance of GO-NGO partnerships

Justice for indigenous peoples  
 Economic development/trade  
 Inclusion of people with disabilities  
 Environmental insecurity  
 Gender equity  
 Drugs  
 Post-conflict state building  
 Care of youth and children  
 Debt  
 Currency fluctuations

Inequity between rich and poor  
 Land distribution  
 Democratic development and governance  
 Political corruption, debt and SAPs  
 Corporate responsibility  
 Increased violence and paramilitary  
 Indigenous rights  
 Environmental sustainability  
 Reform of judicial system and impunity  
 Gender issues

Reducing poverty in context of sustainable economic growth  
 Distributional equity (vis a vis employment, social policy, human development)  
 Sustainable economic growth  
 Maintaining, strengthening and improving democracy and human rights  
 Improving situation for indigenous peoples  
 Enhancing security of the person  
 Environmental sustainability  
 Reducing social and political marginalization  
 Quality of life considerations in urbanization processes and rural areas  
 Issues relating to the micro-states of the Caribbean

Economic and social equity in context of economic imperialism  
 Extension of civil rights  
 Deepening of democratic transition  
 Gender equity  
 Ethnic and cultural pluralism  
 Developing democratic institutions of governance on hemispheric scale  
 Representation of all sectors of society in decisions on integration

Economic growth and development  
 Raising of individual incomes  
 Broadening the distribution of incomes  
 Building of economic infrastructure  
 Improving the environment  
 Strengthening of democratic institutions  
 Participation in global trading arrangements  
 Respect for human rights  
 Respect for human security

Social exclusion  
 Poverty  
 Labour market flexibility  
 Trade liberalization  
 IMF conditionalities  
 Debt  
 Economic liberalization  
 Privatization  
 Economic crisis  
 Speculative investment

Strengthening democratic institutions  
 Building mutual confidence and trust (developing relations between people)  
 Free trade  
 Education and science and technology cooperation  
 Encouraging development of SMEs and an entrepreneurial spirit and international business culture  
 Environment  
 Capital markets development and liberalization  
 Telecommunications and infrastructure  
 Energy  
 Infrastructure development

Poverty and income inequity  
 Equity and access in all areas of government policy to represent interests of marginalized groups (women, children, indigenous people)  
 Economic integration - future of FTAA and micro and small economies??  
 Democratic consolidation and threats to the democratic process - inclusion of civil society  
 Governance and improved public institutions, combating corruption, developing transparency and accountability regimes for all sectors of society  
 Crime and violence - drugs and issue of culture of crime, especially among adolescent males  
 Decline of quality of life in cities - target of political, social, health and environmental crises  
 Columbia - a special issue  
 Strengthening of inter-American institutional systems to address hemispheric issues  
 Environmental degradation and sustainable development  
 Education and health