



Participants at all four meetings agreed on the following policy options in context of the five themes addressed by this year's Forum; Indigenous Peoples, Codes of Conduct, Human Rights, Free Media, Sustainable Development. They suggested a proactive, flexible and inclusive foreign policy as the most effective approach for Canada. In their discussions they endorsed the three pillars of Canadian foreign policy, (security, economic prosperity and culture) as those that continue to reflect the views of Canadians.

Preamble

Indigenous Peoples in Canada and Asia must be at the table in policy discussions to speak on their own behalf, (the Circumpolar Arctic Council offers a model for a forum for international discourse that could be used in the Asia-Pacific context).

Canada should enhance the role of Indigenous Peoples and Asian-Canadians through inclusive staffing procedures at the domestic governmental level. This would help ensure the integration of diversity of opinion and experience.

Canada should continue to use a wide range of diplomatic tools, including those of trade, investment, development and culture, to promote the adoption of appropriate systems of law, trade, labour, human rights and sustainable development/environment. Policy development should critique and build on current policies and practices.

Canada should take a leading role in international fora to promote the adoption of appropriate systems of law, trade, labour, human rights and sustainable development/environment.

Civil society linkages and exchanges should be strengthened through formal and informal partnerships at home and abroad.

To enhance its influence and leverage, Canada should increase its on-the-ground representation in the region (governmental, non-governmental and commercial).

Canada should take advantage of the 50th anniversary of the UN human rights declaration which offers a significant opportunity to promote human rights in the region.