

The paper examines Canadian foreign policy on sustainable development in the context of APEC. More specifically, it explores public debate in the media as well as comments by NGOs and civil society representatives on the APEC agenda, and analyzes the weaknesses of Canadian foreign policy. It concludes by offering realistic and strategic alternatives that are more ecologically, socially and economically sustainable than Canada's current foreign policy which supports trade liberalization over sustainable human development and ecological goals.

Recommendations for Canadian Foreign Policy

- conduct civil society and academic forums to review a new economic partnership
- support civil society in a range of forums and business to implement initiatives
- green the budget and implement a National Sustainable Development Plan
- place out business agendas which promote sustainable development
- review and reform Canadian trade policy
- further progressive dialogue and to encourage corporate responsibility
- establish a new APEC roundtable on the environment and security
- establish a Standing Civil Society Advisory Committee on APEC
- advance APEC's PLED Agenda through a National Working Group
- explore for civil liberties violations during the 1997 APEC Leaders Summit