

## Canada and the Americas: partners in the world

Geography has bound Canada with its partners in the Americas. Common interests, democratic values and respect for cultural and ethnic diversity provide the foundation for a future in which democratic governance, prosperity and security for all can become reality.

Progress towards these goals is being made, but it is not uniform across the region. Lessons will be learned, new developments will arise, and strategies will need to be adjusted along the way to ensure meaningful results.

The Government of Canada remains committed to working with partners in the region and at home, to do its part to build the best possible future for the Americas, for Canadians and for all citizens of the hemisphere.

*“Canada is committed to playing a bigger role in the Americas – a role that reflects best practices as well as our identity, our tradition of order and community values – and the simple reality that we’re all in this together as members of the western hemisphere.”*

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper**  
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The signing of the Free Trade Agreement with Colombia, 2008