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The Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development has been created to help Canadians outside of government contribute to the development of Canadian foreign policy. The role of the Centre is to:

-  provide policy information,
-  alert citizens to opportunities for public contributions,
-  facilitate and promote a policy development network across Canada,
-  encourage and support policy development by civil society,
-  help integrate a public dimension into foreign policy-making activities.

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Origins:

“The establishment of the Centre is a direct result of the recommendations of the 1994 Special Joint Committee on Canada’s International Relations. Housed at the department of Foreign Affairs, the Centre is the mechanism that will undertake, foster and promote these policy development activities with the public. The creation of the Centre reflects an important commitment to a greater public role in foreign policy making. We look forward to the complementary work and value the Centre’s activities will bring to the department’s policy work and interests.”

– Letter to all Foreign Affairs employees in Ottawa and Embassies abroad, from Gordon Smith, Deputy Minister and Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Foreign Affairs,

November 1996