

Global issues >	Resolved in > effective system of global governance	Agreement > on the global public interest	Effective > global policies	Protection of global public goods
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In practice, the system is not working. It will probably take 50 years to build an effective system - if we start now. There are several intervention points where action and support by Foreign Affairs would make a huge difference - now. Below are a number of recommendations that address the real barriers to progress and make a strategic contribution to achieving global and environmental security:

a) Build public awareness of the emerging global order:

Increasingly Canada will have to cooperate and coordinate with other countries in managing global systems. Many Canadians understand that a new set of rules is emerging around the global economic system. Intuition tells them that there is a global ecosystem, but few are aware of the norms (eg human rights) in the emerging global social system and most are left speechless by our system of global governance. Canadians need to understand how and why a global system is emerging.

Recommendations:

1. Our role as citizen is our most encompassing role. It needs to be re-invented in the context of a global system. One way is to highlight our role as global citizens. Foreign Affairs can help Canadians to recognize that they are simultaneously citizens of a city, a province, a nation and a planet and that we have responsibilities at each level. It would help if the Minister and Department used images and language like global citizenship, global security, global environmental security, global public interest, etc., that located Canada in a global system.
2. The Minister and Department should adopt environmental security as a foreign policy goal and use it to educate Canadians about the policy choices we make. We should be clear it is a proactive strategy in which Canadians, as global citizens, are working with other global citizens to build the tools, policies and institutions that will ensure humans live within the carrying capacity of the global ecosystem.