

Conclusion

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The policy suggestions presented here represent a series of issues that the forum participants feel are salient and offer some proposals for how to address the problems. While the policy suggestions developed at the forum do not provide a comprehensive assessment of the major themes that emerged, they do touch upon aspects of four major themes of development in Latin America and the Caribbean: health, education, safety and security and the role of the family/gender participation. Adding to the sense of accomplishment from having actively participated in shaping Canada's foreign policy perspectives, participants expressed motivation in continuing to be part of the policy making process. For some this means pursuing Master's degrees in foreign policy analysis, for others, becoming more active members of society. Allowing a small group of young Canadians who lived in Latin America to make a correlation between Canada and the countries they traveled to is a profound experience that more young Canadians should have the opportunity to participate in.