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In partnership with Hugh Stephens, Assistant Deputy Minister for Communications, Culture and Policy, and Minister Rowswell's office, the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development initiated a discussion with the Director for Media and Arts Director Colin Jackson on the further development of foreign policy culture action. The first roundtable was held with Heritage Canada officials to explore...

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The participants agreed to the following:

1. Before the end of June an internal DCAF meeting among Divisions to assess objectives, needs and current and planned activities. This meeting could benefit from a discussion paper. Heritage Canada might also consult internally.
2. An inter-departmental meeting to further explore the integration of culture in foreign policy and common/mutually supportive DFAE and Heritage Canada interests and activities.
3. The CCFPD will prepare a short paper summarizing any trends/changes in culture and values from cross Canada work with Canadians.
4. These efforts could be followed up by Hugh Stephens CCFPD with other divisions, such as producers, if necessary and others for a discussion on broad issues affecting of culture and foreign policy.

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A number of points were made during meeting the following:

1. There is a need to define a clear objective. What are the tools? (Ann Medina)
2. Culture in foreign policy might be stated in a strategy. The objective of Canada's foreign policy is a challenge. It is to promote Canada's values and Canadian culture (including well-being, prosperity, participating, etc.) (Steve)

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