

of the *role of civil society*, the question of the *oil economy* or the question of the *role of women* will all find expression throughout the Forum. Panellists and participants will be encouraged to direct their analysis at current and future initiatives, rather than dwell unnecessarily on past events.

4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- a) Canadians will come away with a better understanding of the role that we are playing in the peace process in Sudan.
- b) Canadian NGOs, the Government and general public will be given concrete ideas for action in contributing significantly to establishing a lasting peace in the Sudan.
- c) The provision of forums where civil society voices can be heard by the international community will encourage and strengthen Sudanese civil society itself, by demonstrating to the warring parties, IGAD, the IPF and international community that the voices of the victims are an essential component of the peace process.
- d) Ideas and concrete recommendations for implementing the new CIDA policy on support to civil society are likely to emerge.
- e) It is hoped that the symposium will lead to the development of an international civil society movement which will provide complementary support to the IPF/IGAD forum, encouraging and enhancing the peace process through the input of grass roots ideas.
- f) The Symposium will provide insights into the need for (and ultimate profitability of) the incorporation of ethical codes of conduct by transnational companies involved in zones of civil conflict.
- g) The Canadian business sector will understand better the importance of including a comprehensive analysis of the political, social and human rights situation in a country, (and the likely impact of the company's activities on those areas), as an integral component in its "due diligence" process prior to involvement.
- h) A written report will be produced (in English and French) immediately following the symposium and will be given wide distribution.