

**(a) Progress Achieved**

Governments, major groups and individuals across Canada have taken many actions to implement the decisions within Agenda 21. Individual examples are provided throughout this report.

A key basis for future action is the immediate need to gather relevant and accurate information on what Canadians, their governments, major groups and institutions are doing to achieve sustainability.

The IISD, on behalf of the "Projet de société," is developing an information system to identify and communicate information about activities in Canada that support the UNCED agenda and show where future efforts should be directed to implement UNCED commitments. This information system will become a mechanism to be used by organizations wishing to share current and planned activities with others. It will also provide better understanding of the diverse initiatives being undertaken across the country and show where further actions are needed.

Some governments have also surveyed their programs that are relevant to UNCED. The purpose of these surveys is, in part, to identify the level of activity where opportunities for co-operation exist and where further action may be required.

**(b) Problems and Constraints**

During recent years, Canada's governments have faced significant financial pressure. Revenues have not kept pace with demands for services, leading to concern over levels of taxation and public debt. This has placed an increased emphasis on innovative and shared approaches to achieving the goals of a sustainable economy and society. Canadians increasingly recognize that there is a positive relationship between the environment and the economy, and are committed to the principles of sustainable development.