

and Rob Norris, a graduate student in foreign affairs, Co-ordinator of Communications and Program Development at the University of Saskatchewan International and associated with the University's new International Centre for Governance and Development.

Finally, a word of sincere appreciation was extended to Steve Lee, Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, and his colleagues, who had the vision to fund and support this roundtable. Appreciation was expressed for the time, efforts, and insights of all those who participated or added their voices in this timely and topical initiative.

DIALOGUE: REMARKS & REFLECTIONS

Speaking generally, the participants opened the substantive discussion by suggesting that an important challenge for members of Canada's foreign policy community, especially those within DFAIT, remained working to ensure that authentic Aboriginal voices are present in the formulation and implementation of Canada's international agreements and policies. They noted that ensuring the presence of Aboriginal voices as part of Canada in the international realm is often more challenging than it is under the rubric of federal-provincial-territorial relations.

The participants suggested to encourage full and candid discussion on sensitive topics and experience, the participants suggest that only the leaders of the discussion and presentors should be designated as speakers by the report. The rapportuers and report should not designate individual positions of the participants, but rather should stress the consensus on issues and recommendation of the participants.

The participants suggested that an opportunity exists to promote greater coherence between Canada's official position relating to international agreements and the implementation of various accords within, and beyond, Canada, especially as these agreements relate to Aboriginal peoples nationally and internationally. A number of examples were provided to highlight that Canada has, in the past, espoused and negotiated convincing positions within the international arena, but then provided less consideration or direction on how to operationalize these