

observers from federal government departments were also in attendance during the panel: Adèle Dion, Director, Human Rights Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and Bruno Scheire, Manager of the Human Rights Program, Department of Canadian Heritage. Following panel presentations the floor was opened for questions from participants. The panel presentation and subsequent discussions were filmed to be aired on the Cable Public Affairs Channel (CPAC).

DAY 2: Saturday November 27, 1999, 9:30am – 5pm.

At a plenary session during the 3 Rapporteurs presented the results of the discussions of the 3 working groups. This was followed by comments from the participants from the group, and then by general comments and questions by all in attendance.

During lunch, the 4 members of the Ad Hoc Organising Committee worked with the facilitators to produce a list of 10 areas for action emerging from the Working Groups' reports. This list was presented and discussed in plenary during the afternoon session. As a result of these discussions, the list was expanded to include 11 areas for action, and volunteers were found to act as lead actor and contact point for follow-up actions in each of these areas.

Results

Short-term/narrower results

Forty-two leading experts on human rights from across Canada representing various constituencies came together for a 2-day consultation. Linkages were created between organisations and individuals working on international issues and those working on domestic issues. Fruitful exchanges took place on issues of policy analysis and on the development of synergetic strategies to effect the implementation of human rights. Three discussion papers were produced. Participants had a chance to talk to parliamentarians during the Friday night panel.

Long-term/broader results

The human rights agenda in Canada was advanced. This was the first consultation of its kind in the human rights field in Canada.

Achievements of objectives

The objectives were not changed throughout the project cycle, except for the withdrawal of the objectives pertaining to the Senate Committee on Human Rights, since this committee had not yet been established at the time of the Consultation.

We believe that a large number of our objectives were achieved during the actual consultation, while others will be achieved through follow-up actions. In plenary at the