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## A Message from the Minister

I would like to thank the 5,500 Canadians who have participated in Environment Canada's consultation on environmental education and sustainability over the last two years. This level of participation among educators and learners from across Canada was unprecedented. The insights and ideas we received from all over our country have been very helpful in the designing of the Framework for Environmental Learning and Sustainability in Canada.

It is clear that environmental learning will be key to help Canadians make the decisions required to ensure a sustainable society. I hope that you will read these pages for inspiration, and visit our supporting web site to connect with other educators and learners, and for ideas as to what you can do to participate in a culture of life-long learning.

The Framework for Environmental Learning and Sustainability in Canada was co-designed by many environmental educators and others in response to our commitments under Chapter 36 of Agenda 21. The action plans developed by over 130 organizations so far demonstrate that many Canadians are interested in and have good ideas about environmental learning.

I consider the Framework to be a living document, one that will grow over the years as more Canadians become involved in this important initiative. If you wish to complete an action plan and join the efforts of environmental educators across Canada, contact Environment Canada at the address provided.

The Framework and the action plans are being presented to the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in August 2002. I am proud to present the Framework and your action plans to the Summit on your behalf.

The Honourable David Anderson Minister of the Environment

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THE HONOURABLE
DAVID ANDERSON
MINISTER OF THE
ENVIRONMENT

# A Framework for Environmental Learning and Sustainability in Canada

The Framework for Environmental Learning and Sustainability in Canada is presented by the Government of Canada to the World Summit on Sustainable Development on behalf of all learners and educators, their supporters and partners.

This Framework is dedicated to the over 5,500 Canadians who hosted, organized, and participated in the National Consultation on Environmental Education and Sustainability led by Environment Canada between 1999 and 2002; the groups who assisted with various drafts of the outline and the framework document itself; and the early supporters and adopters who have prepared action plans in anticipation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

THE ARTWORK USED IN THIS PUBLICATION IS TAKEN FROM A SERIES OF PAINTINGS COMMISSIONED BY ENVIRONMENT CANADA AND CREATED BY "ELENDY" (ELEANOR DUNCANSON AND WENDY TRETHEWEY, TWO ARTISTS FROM THE OTTAWA AREA).



# A Framework for Environmental Learning and Sustainability in Canada

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## The Language of Environmental Learning

Many terms have been used to describe the thought and practice of learning about the Earth and our relationship with it. Among the older terms with a great deal of history and considerable successes are "ecological monitoring", "environmental education", "l'interprétation de la nature", "wilderness education", "l'éducation à la conservation", and "outdoor education".

Newer, specialized terms such as "eco-citizenship education", "l'éducation à la population", "human ecology education", "l'éducation planétaire" and "environmental literacy" have broadened the focus to include a more universal look at how and what we learn as citizens to develop responsible societies.

Still other terms such as "education for sustainable development" and "l'éducation pour un avenir viable" and "sustainability education" have found their way into usage as a result of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Brazil in 1992 and its declaration, "Agenda 21". The ethic suggested by these education terms related to sustainability and sustainable development has inspired some who felt that their mandates went beyond their understanding of "environmental education" and "l'éducation relative à l'environnement". Many Canadians are fully engaged in implementing the recommendations contained in Chapter 36 of Agenda 21: Promoting Education, Public Awareness and Training. Others however, see "sustainability development" and "l'avenir viable" as difficult terminology which they feel will not endure; they view "environmental education" as a term which encompasses all such learning.

Most of the terms used here defy clear definition. In some cases the words represent ideas that are just being developed. Although this may not reassure those who look for certainty, it points to the considerable energy and attention that are behind the language of environmental learning.

The Framework for Environmental Learning and Sustainability in Canada is meant to be inclusive and must offer an opportunity for all to discuss different approaches to promote lifelong learning with respect to the environment and to sustainability. It is hoped that the Framework will provide Canadians with the desire to create safe and respectful places for ongoing dialogue on these important issues. Learners and educators of all ages and from all sectors of society should be able to find common ground among the different concepts and their proponents as we all work together towards a more environmentally literate, competent and responsible society.

In Canada, where language and cultural issues add other dimensions to the richness of environmental learning, there is different terminology in use when talking in each of the two official languages. To respect the diversity that both French and English languages and cultures present, we have not used literal translations for some titles and concepts. At the same time, we recognize that the terminology used does not always acknowledge the voices of aboriginals and groups from other cultures, and we hope the inclusivity we wish to achieve will make room for their voices.

#### NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

In the fall of 1999. OVER ONE HUNDRED CANADIANS WROTE TO THE MINISTER OF THE Environment and his DEPUTY MINISTER, ASKING THAT ENVIRONMENT CANADA RENEW ITS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING AND SUSTAINABILITY AND IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC NEEDS THAT SHOULD BE FILLED ENVIRONMENT CANADA RESPONDED BY FNGAGING IN A BROAD-BASED MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION FOR OVER TWO YEARS.

CANADIANS RESPONDED
ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THIS
INVITATION BY COMPLETING A
QUESTIONNAIRE AVAILABLE
BOTH ONLINE AND IN HARD
COPY, OR BY ATTENDING
MEETINGS WHICH WERE HELD
IN MANY CANADIAN TOWNS
AND CITIES.

THE CONSULTATION TEAM WAS ALSO WELCOMED BY GROUPS MEETING FOR CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, CLASSES AT UNIVERSITY, AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING INSTITUTES FOR TEACHERS.

OVER 5,500 CANADIANS PARTICIPATED IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS AND

THE FRAMEWORK ATTEMPTS
TO REFLECT THE DIVERSE
PHILOSOPHIES, IDEAS AND
HOPES EXPRESSED BY THESE
PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY. A FULL
REPORT ON THE CONSULTATION
RESULTS IS AVAILABLE AT
WWW.EC.GC.CA/EDUCATION.



## 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Who Should Be Involved in Environmental Learning and Sustainability?

According to the over 5,500 Canadians who participated in consultations between 1999 and 2002, all citizens should take an interest and should share in the responsibility as both learners and educators throughout their lives.

In particular, this applies to community groups, governments, the private sector, all levels of the formal education system as well as the institutions that support it, non-government organizations and individual learners and their families.

# 1.2 Why Are Environmental Learning and Sustainability Important?

It is important that Canadians know and understand issues regarding the environment and sustainability, that they develop the skills required, and explore the attitudes and motivation needed to make informed choices, to consume wisely, to ask good questions, to question the answers, and to take meaningful actions if we are all to participate in creating a sustainable future.

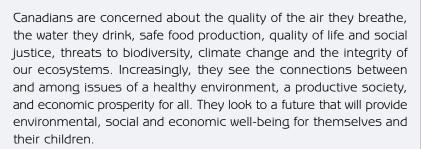
Canadians care deeply about their vast country which touches three oceans and which contains a large share of the Earth's fresh water and wetlands. They care about the country's forests, mountains, plains, valleys and shores, and the creatures and plants that inhabit the ecosystems of all regions.

They also have an interest in and appreciation of the rich cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and wisdom of aboriginal peoples, and of the local knowledge which has been passed on from one generation to the next since the first settlers came to our shores. Canadians are also aware of the hopeful eagerness of those who continue to come to Canada now, new citizens who want to contribute to the prosperity of our great nation.

"Environmental Education must provide a sense of hope for a better world. It must also provide citizens with the tools they need to become involved."

NORMAND BESNER
BRUNDTLAND SCHOOLS
NETWORK
MANIWAKI, QC





To ensure such a future, all generations must learn about the environment, society and the economy so that all citizens can act mindfully and competently in making decisions about our future.

#### 1.3 Why Do We Need a Framework?

Canadian environmental educators have been contributing to citizens' environmental learning and sustainability in systematic ways since at least the 1960s, although citizens were involved in educating and learning many years before that. For instance:

- Many individuals and groups have provided leadership in their communities by implementing programs to monitor the movements of frogs, birds and other wildlife.
- For a long time, gifted teachers have engaged children in the classroom and through outdoor activities in nature, participating in the greening of schoolgrounds, or making use of programs offered by organizations like The Biodôme in Montreal or the Vancouver Aquarium.
- Others have made it their life work to reflect on and develop new fields of inquiry in Canadian universities and colleges, and to share their work by publishing in scholarly journals.
- Still others have developed the skills to participate effectively in high profile international conferences and to make a contribution to the progress on understanding environmental learning and sustainability, and to encourage nations to take action.

"MATURE IS THE BEST EXAMPLE
OF ADAPTABILITY AND LONGTERM SURVIVAL. KNOWLEDGE
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TO USE SUCH LAWS FOR
INSPIRATION BUT, ALL TOO
OFTEN, WE ONLY STUDY
THEM IN ORDER TO FIND
BETTER WAYS OF CIRCUMVENTING THEM."

FRÉDÉRIC BACK
RECOGNIZED FOR HIS
ANIMATED FILMS AND BOOKS

"WE NEED TO BEHAVE ETHICALLY AND EDUCATE ETHICALLY."

PAUL HART, PROFESSOR, FACULTY OF EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

#### > snapshot

#### NORTH VANCOUVER OUTDOOR SCHOOL

In British Columbia, the North Vancouver Outdoor School has provided first-hand experience of the province's coastal ecosystems to tens of thousands of K-12 students over the past 30 years. Despite fiscal restraint, the support and goodwill of the alumni have kept the school as healthy as the renowned salmon spawning channels that run through its properties.

## PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES FOR TEACHERS

For years, professional learning institutes for teachers and other practitioners have been led during the school year or during the summer months by dedicated environmental educators through the following institutions and organizations: Simon Fraser University, the Key Foundation, the Fondation Riou-Delorme, FEESA in Alberta, Learning for a Sustainable Future, the UNESCO Chair at York University, Yukon College, St. Francis Xavier University, Université de Moncton and others in Canada. Many teachers have benefited from these experiences personally, and have transformed the way they teach.

"THE BENEFITS TO ALL OF ADOPTING ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES SHOULD BE WIDELY PUBLICIZED; THOSE IN THE PUBLIC EYE SHOULD MODEL THE BEST PRACTICES."

CATHERINE BEATTIE
RETIRED PROFESSOR FROM
MCMASTER UNIVERSITY
HAMILTON, ONTARIO

"IN THE HISTORY OF CANADA, GRASSROOTS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN BUILDING KNOWLEDGE. NATIVE WOMEN TAUGHT EARLY SETTLERS ABOUT EDIBLE, POISONOUS AND MEDICINAL PLANTS. IN RECENT TIMES, GUIDE-OUTFITTERS CONTINUE TO ADVISE SCIENTISTS IN MAPPING ANIMAL RANGES. TODAY, BACKCOUNTRY GUIDES, FOLLOWING ECOINTERPRETER PRINCIPLES, ARE TRUE ENVI-RONMENTAL EDUCATORS."

ROD BURNS QUADRA ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA



- Labour organizations have engaged workers in learning how to implement sustainable practices in factories, dry cleaning establishments and other places of work.
- Governments have provided information on human activity and the environment — information that, among other things, has helped Canadians support biodiversity in their own backyards or lessen the impacts of climate change.
- Business and industry leaders have had the vision to see the value in supporting the efforts of environmental educators in the forestry and energy sectors.

Throughout the years, Canadians have played a formative, even transformative, role in increasing the body of knowledge and the number of people involved in environmental learning.

Building on the very long and rich heritage of expertise, experience, energy and commitment of Canadian environmental educators, the Government of Canada has brought together a broad group of stakeholders to participate in the development and implementation of a Framework for Environmental Learning and Sustainability in Canada. The need for such a framework has been articulated most clearly and with urgency by many Canadians over the last two years during an extensive consultation process.

Within Canada, interest continues to deepen among educators and other practitioners who did much of the early conceptual work on environmental education and who applied it in unique ways in their spheres of influence.

For instance, a new network of Faculties of Education in Canadian universities is exploring ways to integrate such learning in teacher training to ensure that new generations of educators have the knowledge and pedagogy required for engaging their students in a culture of lifelong learning on environmental and sustainability issues.



#### CENTRALE DES SYNDICATS DU QUÉBEC

The Centrale des syndicats du Québec has created a network of institutions where its teachers, hospital staff and day-care workers offer services to the public. That network, les Établissements verts Brundtland, was named after Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Prime Minister of Norway, who led the World Commission on Environment and Development in the mid-1980s. The "EVB" network bases its learning for sustainability on four pillars or themes: ecology, peace, solidarity and democracy. Over 600 institutions in Quebec participate in this program which has run for ten years.

Two scholarly publications, the Canadian Journal of Environmental Education and Regards, Recherches, Réflexions, were created in 1996 and 1999 respectively, to give a voice to Canadian and other researchers in many disciplines related to environmental learning and sustainability. Green Teacher magazine and Alternatives Journal are two publications which have also made significant contributions to the learning of educators and others.

Internationally, Canadians have distinguished themselves for a long time by contributing to the body of knowledge shared in scholarly publications and by presenting their work at international conferences, seminars and other fora. They have also created a welcome environment for other international experts' work to be heard, discussed and appreciated during Canadian environmental learning events and featured in Canadian publications.

Against this backdrop, Canada's Framework for Environmental Learning and Sustainability has grown out of a collaborative process that gave voice and validation to more than a quarter-century of pioneering work by Canadians in formal, non-formal and informal learning settings.

"THROUGH LEARNING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY WE MUST IMPART KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE PROTECTION OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES, SUCH AS WATER PURIFICATION DONE BY WETLANDS OR THE VALUE OF WASTE REDUCTION THROUGH THE PROCESSES OF DECOMPOSITION BY COMPOSTING."

CONSULTATION PARTICIPANT

#### TYPES OF EDUCATION

When we speak about environmental learning and sustainability, we refer to:

- FORMAL EDUCATION: EDUCATION THROUGH THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO THE END OF HIGH SCHOOL AS WELL AS SOME ASPECTS IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES;
- Non-formal education: Public awareness activities by organizations outside of the school system (e.g. environmental street theatre);
- Informal education: educational activities provided by media (e.g. documentaries on radio and television).



"CANADA MUST ENSURE ITS
CITIZENS ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY-LITERATE — THAT THEY
HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS
AND COMMITMENT TO MAKE
RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS
THAT BENEFIT ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY AND THAT ALLOW THEM
TO ADAPT TO ENVIRONMENTAL
CHANGE."

CANADIAN INFORMATION
SYSTEM FOR THE
ENVIRONMENT
(CISE REPORT, 2001)



"WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WAIT FOR THIS GENERATION OF CHILDREN TO GROW UP AND CHANGE ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOURS TOWARDS THE ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED AT ALL AGES, ESPECIALLY ADULTS IN THE HOME, COM-MUNITY AND WORKPLACE. PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS, IN PARTICULAR, HAVE A CRITICAL ROLE TO PLAY IN HELPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS LEARN ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT. THIS MEANS THAT ADULT ENVIRON-MENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED TO HELP CHANGE ATTITUDES, AND TEACH NEW KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS ABOUT OUR PLANET AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS WITH ITS ECOLOGY."

ANNE CAMOZZI
FOUNDING CHAIR, EECOM
ANTIGONISH, NOVA SCOTIA

"WE WILL REQUIRE AN EVALUATION/REVIEW SERVICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION MATERIALS."

Brenda Hans Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

# 1.4 What Are the Needs for Environmental Learning and Sustainability?

In spite of the efforts of many Canadians and the successes they have achieved, much more needs to be done if our society is to achieve a high level of ecological literacy. Real needs have been identified by Canadians and must be addressed.

For example, we must:

- Make environmental learning better known, understood and valued;
- Develop a strategic vision to support all partners' efforts and commitments;
- Make credible, balanced learning resources available to all in both official languages;
- Create guiding principles for developing and delivering quality environmental learning and sustainability;
- Provide support for building the capacity of educators and learners;
- Offer support for enhanced networks and mechanisms for making connections and building new relationships;
- Provide support for multi-institutional experiments;
- Enable cross-sectoral experiments permitting the creation of partnerships between and among educators, governments, nongovernment organizations, institutions, and the private sector;
- Provide support for research and the resources for learners to access that support;
- Develop evaluation mechanisms for continuous improvement of programs;
- Recognize efforts;
- Celebrate successes.

Part of the learning experience will be to identify all the needs that must be addressed by those who will develop and implement action plans to support the principles of this document.

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#### **ENVIRONMENT CANADA'S BIOSPHERE**

The Biosphere has developed a new way of doing environmental education. Through its exhibits, its learning programs and its EcoWatch Network, youth and others discuss issues and solutions regarding water conservation and ecosystems. Through the network, scientists and citizens collaborate on monitoring, intervention and education.



#### OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY

As Canada's one-stop service for energy efficiency, the Office of Energy Efficiency at Natural Resources Canada has everything Canadians need to save energy, save money and help protect the environment. Through its many programs for the residential, commercial, industrial and transportation sectors, Canadians can learn proven ways to save energy — and money — at home, at work, and on the road.

2. The Framework

#### 2.1 What Are the Objectives of the Framework?

The Framework will:

- Promote greater awareness, capacity, engagement and action on the part of all Canadians, at the personal, family, community or corporate levels;
- Validate, support and encourage existing efforts made by many in environmental learning and sustainability;
- Expand and increase the support for initiatives and extend the dialogue to new participants in all sectors of society (e.g., faith communities, small and medium-sized businesses, and service clubs);
- Build a coherent culture of environmental learning and sustainability that touches Canadians of all ages, ethnicities, geographic settings and socioeconomic backgrounds;
- Facilitate the making of connections and broader sharing of knowledge and ideas;
- Offer principles and strategies that provide direction to strengthen learning about the environment and sustainability.

# 2.2 A Vision for Environmental Learning and Sustainability in Canada

Canadians of all generations and from all sectors of society are given opportunities to engage in environmental learning and sustainability within and beyond the classroom walls where good questions can be asked and meaningful dialogue can take place. With increased awareness, knowledge, skills, attitudes, values, and motivation, Canadians can become more ecologically literate and act competently to build a sustainable future for humans and ecosystems.

"WE BELIEVE THAT CANADA MUST MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER CHAPTER 36 OF AGENDA 21 WITH RESPECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND ADOPT A NATIONAL STRATEGY IN THIS REGARD."

JEAN-PIERRE DENIS CLUB 2/3



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#### THE ASHKUI PROJECT

Over the past four years, the Innu Nation, Environment Canada, the Gorsebrook Research Institute of Saint Mary's University and Natural Resources Canada have been exploring new ways to connect Innu knowledge and western science in Labrador. Through the Ashkui Project (ashkui are areas of early or permanent open water on rivers, lakes and estuaries), the partners are trying to understand how these elements of the landscape work and what they indicate about ecosystem vitality and change.

"WE HAVE MANY PARTNERS TO HELP US IMPLEMENT OUR PROGRAMS, BUT WHAT WE NEED IS A STRATEGIC VISION TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS."

CHRISTIAN PAYEUR
CENTRALE DES SYNDICATS
DU QUÉBEC

"THE 'FRONT-LINE WORKERS'

(I.E. TEACHERS, PARENTS)

SHOULD BE EMPOWERED TO

IMPLEMENT THIS VISION."

Brian Gallagher, Teacher Bradford, Ontario



## DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING, LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

Once students leave the formal education system, there are few formal, comprehensive mechanisms to help them create a learning society. One of the mandates of the Department is to research and develop programs that can provide lifelong learning opportunities for Canadian citizens.

"ETHICS IS DOWN-TO-EARTH AND PRACTICAL, A MATTER OF DAILY HABIT....ETHICS IS CENTRAL TO THE WAY WE SEE OURSELVES AND OUR SOCIETY."

JOHN RALSTON SAUL
ON EQUILIBRIUM

"I HAVE LEARNED GREATLY FROM STUDENTS' ENVIRON-MENTAL AUTOBIOGRAPHIES THAT RANGE FROM REMEM-BERING THE EXPERIENCE OF KILLING OTHER ANIMALS, TO BELOVED AND FEARED LAND-SCAPES IN CITIES, BACKYARDS, AND 'WILDERNESS' AREAS. As a teacher, I believe it IS IMPORTANT TO TRY TO MOVE AROUND RETWEEN THE PARTICULAR AND PERSONAL AND THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL. STORIES SHAPE US, AND AS WE RE-WRITE THEM THEY MIGHT ALSO RE-SHAPE US."

LEESA FAWCETT,
PROFESSOR
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
YORK UNIVERSITY

"COMMITTED ADULTS SHOULD SUPPORT YOUTH GROUPS WHICH HAVE REALISTIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES."

CATHERINE PETIT-CLAIR, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MONTREAL, QUEBEC

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#### 2.3 Values

The vast majority of Canadians consulted between 1999 and 2002 believe that environmental learning and sustainability must be inextricably linked to values and ethical ways of thinking. They also believe that no learning is value-free. Most citizens are engaged in the life of their community; they are participants in the discussions, debates, and decisions that shape their future.

Educators can help by finding ways to present aspects of environment and sustainability that allow learners to draw their own conclusions about issues. Some educators call this "bias balance", and partners wishing to join educators in this journey will need to feel that issues are being presented fairly.

Recognizing that learning is not value-free, the following principles may guide those who wish to participate in environmental learning and sustainability, according to their mandates and according to their means:

- All members of society should be engaged in learning, in ways that are participatory and transformative.
- Environmental learning and sustainability is a lifelong process which must include, but is not limited to, formal educational institutions.
- Learning should promote "big picture" thinking with local and personal applications. We must find new ways of understanding how we can achieve ecological sustainability while meeting our social and economic needs, ensuring that human economic and social systems are kept in balance with the Earth's natural systems.
- Children need to be surrounded by the support of knowledgeable, environmentally competent and committed adults whom they can imitate in all aspects of living, and on whom they can count for taking responsible action.





"THE FRAMEWORK MUST BE OWNED BY ALL CANADIANS AND CONSIDER A DIVERSITY OF APPROACHES, VIEWS AND NEEDS LIKE THOSE OF NATIVE WOMEN AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES."

CHERYL LEPATSKI EDMONTON, ALBERTA

- Learning must inspire a sense of wonder and awe with respect to nature.
- Recovering, restoring, honouring and using the traditional knowledge and wisdom of aboriginal peoples will provide a sound basis for environmental learning and sustainability.
- Learning from those who value local knowledge as well as the knowledge and wisdom acquired by a people living in a region for a long time is important. The participation of rural communities could be particularly influential in this regard.
- Having an authentic, personal experience of "sense of place", beginning with one's own home and community, is one of the many ways in which citizens can learn environmentally.
- By using intergenerational approaches, learners and educators can learn from one another with mutual respect, participate in richer experiences and enjoy the connection that these approaches can provide.
- Environmental learning and sustainability can take place at all levels in our education systems and institutions. It can also take place where we live and work, where we recreate and move about our daily lives as consumers, as volunteers and through other forms of participating in society such as being engaged in faith communities.
- Although single-discipline approaches can contribute to citizens' environmental learning, interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary approaches will enhance and enrich how Canadians learn.
- Learning can call on many modes of knowing that respect individual capacities, interests, abilities, and levels of engagement and commitment.
- While reflecting on the uniqueness and diversity found in Canada we need to acknowledge the global nature of environmental and sustainability issues.

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#### **ECO-MONTREAL: TIOTIAKE**

Eco-Montreal: Tiotiake — is a cartography collaborative project among the Sustainable Development Association, the McGill University School of Urban Planning, and countless organizations and volunteers, which presents a fresh perspective on Montreal's relationship with its natural environment. This perspective gives visibility to the natural world and to how the city integrates it by promoting titles based on natural features rather than politically derived boundaries. The subtitle Tiotiake, pronounced jo-ja-quay, is of Mohawk origin and was chosen in honour of the respect that indigenous peoples hold for the Montreal region. Eco-Montreal: Tiotiake can be seen as "traditional and local knowledge in action".

"One shouldn't be learning about the environment, but rather 'learning environmentally'."

Munju Ravindra Parks Canada

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"'SLOWLY BUT SURELY, THE BIRD BUILDS ITS NEST'. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PROGRESSIVE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION WHICH MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE ISSUES THAT COME INTO PLAY IN EDUCATING CITIZENS TO BECOME AWARE AND FULFILLED HUMAN BEINGS."

Magda Farès, Teacher Ville de Delson, Quebec

"Environmental Education Should be an opportunity for world engagement — FOR PLAYFUL EXPLORATION AND UNSTRUCTURED DISCOVERY OF A LIVING NATURE."

ANDY FISHER,
PSYCHOTHERAPIST,
AUTHOR OF
RADICAL ECOPSYCHOLOGY



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"ECOLOGICAL DECISION-MAKING REQUIRES EXPERIENCE, PRACTICE AND SUPPORT AS INDIVIDUALS REALIZE THAT DECISIONS IMPACT THEIR LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND GLOBAL WORLD AROUND THEM."

CONSULTATION PARTICIPANT

"WE MUST FIND WAYS OF VALUING CIVIC SCIENCE DONE BY TRAINED VOLUNTEERS IN ECOLOGICAL MONITORING

ALICE CASSELMAN ASSOCIATION FOR CANADIAN Environmental Resources

# ACTIVITIES."

#### > snapshot

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING THROUGH** THEATRE

Theatre fosters imagination and crosses boundaries. It incorporates many forms of learning and doing and provides insight into the human state and universe around us. The W.P. Puppet Theatre Society from Alberta and La troupe luni-vert from Quebec plan performances on environmental issues to help audiences understand and to seek solutions.

#### > snapshot

#### COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF EDUCATION. CANADA

As part of its Sustainable Development Initiative, Manitoba Education, Training and Youth prepared a report for the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada called "Educating for Sustainability: The Status of Sustainable Development Education in Canada" in 1999. The document provides a rationale for educating for sustainability, a current and comprehensive view of the progress that has occurred across Canada in this regard, an appropriate context for continuing dialogue and a framework for desired future action.

#### **NATUREWATCH**

NatureWatch is a group of community based or "citizen science" monitoring programs that are administered through a partnership among Environment Canada's Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network, the Canadian Nature Federation, and the University of Guelph. The existing monitoring programs are FrogWatch, IceWatch, PlantWatch and WormWatch. These programs encourage schools, community groups, individuals, naturalists, backyard enthusiasts, Scouts and Guides to engage in the monitoring of soil, air, water and other aspects of environmental quality.

#### 2.4 Strategies

#### 2.4.1 Strategies for Knowledge Development and Sharing:

- 1. Learners should be provided with access to sound, credible and relevant information from a variety of sources, including:
  - Scientific and technical knowledge, including what we know about our environment and the challenges we face;
  - Socio-cultural knowledge, including issues of justice, equity, peace, ethics and quality of life;
  - Knowledge about how economic systems work and their relationship to sustainability;
  - What is being done about issues and what citizens, families, communities, institutions and private sector can do.
- 2. The specific needs of audiences should be known, acknowledged and addressed in the design of learning materials and initiatives to meet those needs, by:
  - Starting from the existing knowledge base of audience groups and individual learners;
  - Understanding that different groups have different learning needs, interests and expectations;
  - Presenting knowledge in a way that is sensitive to the diversity of cultures in Canada.
- 3. It is important to identify and focus on gaps in knowledge and understanding by:
  - Continuous sharing within the education community about the needs of learners, gaps and opportunities;
  - Integrating an understanding of how people learn. Learning is not just an individual activity, but also one that happens collectively. It is also something that happens over time.

#### CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE

The Canadian Museum of Nature took the initiative of engaging the museum community, through the network of the Canadian Museums Association, to reflect its role relating to the development of a culture of environmental learning and sustainability. Enthusiastic response to this initiative has led to the development of tools for museums to take action within their communities.

#### 2.4.2 Strategies to Build Capacity:

- 1. Opportunities should be developed for networks to collaborate and communicate locally, regionally and nationally by:
  - Including face-to-face and electronic networking, mentoring programs and mechanisms such as newsletters, conferences, web sites;
  - Identifying, reviewing and sharing existing materials, resources, infrastructure and learning stories;
  - Making room for under-represented and/or marginalized groups, recognizing that newcomers have much to offer experienced environmental educators.
- 2. Research councils and other bodies such as universities should be encouraged to play an active role in environmental learning and sustainability by:
  - Identifying outcomes and indicators of success in environmental learning and sustainability that are innovative and tell the story of how learning supports understanding, competence and action;
  - Continuously improving environmental learning and sustainability initiatives and materials through regular assessment of effectiveness;
  - Creating Chairs on environmental learning and sustainability to pave the way for increasing research support.
- 3. Alliances should be built among all sectors: for example, between educators and the private sector, between non-government organizations and governments, and between funding agencies and community groups:
  - Including a focus on building trust and sharing guiding principles and models for building alliances and opportunities for long-term partnerships in cross-sectoral fora and conferences;
  - Engaging the private sector in the business of environmental learning and sustainability, promoting workplace learning and contributing to community initiatives;

"TO BE EFFECTIVE, ENVIRON-MENTAL EDUCATION MUST BE RELEVANT TO LEARNERS FROM A BROAD VARIETY OF BACKGROUNDS, WITH A BROAD VARIETY OF PERSPECTIVES."

GRANT GARDNER,
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF
SCIENCE
MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY
AND CHAIR, EECOM

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"THE NEW RESEARCH CHAIR OF CANADA IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AT THE Université du Québec à MONTRÉAL AIMS TO DEVELOP RESEARCH IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: INTEGRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN NEW CURRICULA ARISING FROM EDUCATIONAL REFORM; COMMUNITY ACTION AS A PRIVILEGED CONTEXT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION; AND PROFESSIONAL DEVEL-OPMENT OF TEACHERS AND ANIMATORS FOR THE DEVEL-OPMENT OF APPROPRIATE

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS.
THE CHAIR WILL PERMIT THE CONSOLIDATION OF VARIOUS RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND THE CONTINUOUS ENRICHMENT OF TWO POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, ONE ON THE CAMPUS AND ANOTHER AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL THROUGH DISTANCE LEARNING."

LUCIE SAUVÉ, PROFESSOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC À MONTRÉAL



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#### ÉQUITERRE

The group Équiterre engages in educational and promotional programs regarding fair trade in coffee for consumers and businesses. Fair trade practices guarantee that a fair price has been paid to coffee producers which in turn permits the implementation of community development programs related to health, education and environment.







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## ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

The Environmental Studies Association of Canada (ESAC) is a learned society that acts as a forum for discussion and a vehicle for communication on the environment. Through the broad range of interests of its members, ESAC fosters a culture that promotes an interdisciplinary approach for environmental learning.

"WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF EDUCATION AND ITS ABILITY TO INSPIRE ALL PEOPLE TO LIVE SUSTAINABLY, BECOME ENGAGED IN THEIR MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITIES, AND ENJOY A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE WHILE RESPECTING THE FARTH'S FINITE RESOURCES."

NORTH AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:
"LITTLE ROCK DECLARATION
-2002"

"BEING A GREEN TOURIST IS REALLY ABOUT LIVING A HEALTHIER LIFE ANYWHERE. GREEN MEANS: ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITY, LOCAL ECONOMIC VITALITY, CULTURAL SENSITIVITY, EXPERIENTIAL RICHNESS. IT'S ABOUT EACH DAY TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO HAVE A LITTLE LESS IMPACT AND GIVE MORE BACK TO THE PLANET AND OURSELVES."

GREEN TOURISM ASSOCIATION

#### **NATURAL STEP®**

Using a science and systems-based approach the Natural Step® is a program which assists complex organizations notably in the private sector, to direct social, environmental and economic decision-making through the use of pragmatic, analytical tools.

 Communicating the Framework itself as an opportunity for groups to articulate their goals, seek partners and be recognized for their commitment to the national goal of environmental literacy.

#### 2.4.3 Strategies to Support Sustainable Living

1. Environmental learning and sustainability initiatives should involve learners in interrelated ways of understanding that include knowledge, skill building, values, attitudes, motivation, and active learning or participation.

This would require:

- Opportunities for people to understand the issues, discuss choices and trade-offs, ask the hard questions and come to their own conclusions:
- Consumer choice information as well as clear and concrete examples of the benefits and impacts of their choices.
- 2. Barriers to action should be identified and systematically addressed in environmental learning and sustainability, recognizing that awareness campaigns are only one way to engage citizens.
- 3. Experiential learning opportunities which support learning and action should be further developed, by:
  - Building on existing environmental monitoring programs which provide "hands-on" opportunities for learning, generate new knowledge and identify emerging concerns;
  - Encouraging Canadians to become eco-tourists, no matter what their destination, and for communities to influence the tourism industry to present choices for "sustainable visiting" with a light ecological footprint;
  - Supporting workplace learning by greening business processes and operations, and naturalizing school grounds and community spaces.



#### INDUSTRY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

In Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Québec, the Reynolds aluminum producer's smelter is situated less than one kilometer from the St-Gabriel-Archange School. Following a focus by students of the impacts of the smelter on their quality of life, a grade-six class wrote to the President of Reynolds asking for concrete action. From this initiative developed a partnership through which Reynolds invested \$1.5 million which improved the environment through odor and noise abatement technologies, paving a dusty road, and landscaping of the smelter and school properties by students, employees and parents.

# 3. Next Steps: From Ideas to Action

The vision of the Framework on Environmental Learning and Sustainability in Canada will be realized only if all sectors of society become involved — governments, non-government organizations, communities, institutions, associations, the private sector and individuals as well as families.

Partnerships among all of these groups are critical. In some cases this will mean that relationships will be built among groups whose broad goals may differ, but who are able to find common ground in supporting environmental learning and sustainability. One goal should be to increase that common ground through building understanding and trust.

The basic building block for practical action on the Framework will be the creation of action plans for environmental learning and sustainability. An action plan could be as simple as a decision by an individual school to naturalize its play yard, or as broad as a multi-year effort to engage thousands of educators or millions of students in a Canada-wide environmental learning and sustainability initiative. It could involve an employer developing a new train-the-trainer program for employees, a charitable foundation earmarking a portion of its annual grants to environmental education initiatives, or a large corporation deciding to set an example for its industry or sector — and combining moral suasion with a sound business case to encourage its suppliers and competitors to join in.

Taken together, these individual actions will form a coherent strategy that reflects consultation participants' strong support for:

- A structure or council to lend support and give visibility to the work that is already under way in the field of environmental education and sustainability;
- Funding programs, with appropriate selection criteria, to provide essential support for local, regional and national programming;

#### SUSTAINABLE CAMPUSES

Through its annual Sustainable Campuses Conference, the Sierra Youth Coalition empowers university students and administrators to become engaged in transforming their places of learning and workplaces into models of sustainability.

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## THE NOVA SCOTIA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

The "Thousand Eyes" project, led by the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History with funding from the Climate Change Action Fund, is empowering students and communities in Nova Scotia to observe the timing of natural events (e.g. birds migrating, plants flowering), to compare these observations to ones made a hundred years ago, and to look for effects of climate change in the natural environment.

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#### SALMONIER NATURE PARK

Salmonier Nature Park is a provincial park in Newfoundland, established in 1978 not as a tourist destination but as an environmental education centre. Rather than seeing themselves as teachers, park staff refer to themselves as creators of a learning environment.

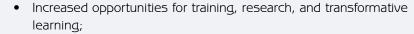


"WE SUGGEST THAT IMPLE-MENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK BE DONE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INTERESTED PROVINCES."

BILL MACDONALD, ACTING ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT

"An environmental literacy award would help to raise the profile of education and ecologists working towards environmental literacy."

CONSULTATION PARTICIPANT



- A clearinghouse and a Web site, to ensure that all Canadians have access to current information and resources on environmental learning and sustainability in both English and French;
- Improved networks and networking opportunities, including conferences and symposia;
- A recognition program, designed to make environmental learning and sustainability more visible while ensuring that leading practitioners are acknowledged and valued.

The consultations leading up to the Framework have drawn invaluable public attention and interest to the field of environmental learning and sustainability, and this momentum should not be allowed to dissipate. At the same time, by its very nature, environmental learning and sustainability is a front-line activity that is best led from the capabilities and capacity available at the grassroots.

Broadly speaking, the long-term success of the Framework will be measured by the continual development of an active, competent citizenry, whose lifestyles increasingly reflect informed choices about the environment and a commitment to sustainable living. More specifically, it will be clear that implementation of the Framework is on the right track if:

- The number, variety, geographic scope, and sophistication of front-line environmental learning and sustainability initiatives continue to increase;
- The individuals, groups, corporations and agencies that took part in the consultation declare their support for environmental learning and sustainability, and develop their own action plans in response, to make their skills and successes transferable to others;
- Action plans are leading to practical results, while generating new insights and best practices that can be shared among practitioners and learners, across the country and around the world;

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#### **GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA**

Since 2000, the Manitoba Government Department of Education and Training has been assisting Manitoba curriculum developers and educators to integrate sustainability into new and existing curricula through its Education for a Sustainable Future initiative. This interdisciplinary approach provides direction for the integration of sustainability knowledge, skills, values, and life practices within the curriculum, the classroom, and the community.

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# CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (CAPE)

CAPE has recently put its "Children's Environmental Health Project" online. This ecological literacy project could contribute to the improvement of the quality of the environment and of Canadians' health by presenting information on the health effects from environmental exposure.





"IF I COULD GET THE MORE VOCAL KIDS IN MY SCHOOL MORE INTERESTED IN THE ENVIRONMENT, WE'D HAVE IT MADE."

Jonathan Misskey, Student Regina, Saskatchewan

- Wider dissemination of environmental knowledge and learning leads to broader adoption of sustainable practices, at all levels and in all sectors;
- More resources are devoted to environmental education programs at all levels of formal education, leading to an increase in the number and breadth of K-12 courses and course modules, post-secondary courses and degree programs, and post- graduate programs with environmental education specialties;
- An increase in public discussion and media coverage indicates broader interest in environmental education, and in wider environmental and sustainability issues.

As a starting point, Environment Canada is prepared to act as a contact and a facilitator for environmental learning and sustainability partners across the country. Organizations, institutions and individuals that wish to join an alliance to translate the ideas in the Framework into reality can take a first step by contacting the department at the address below:

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In the weeks and months ahead, Environment Canada staff will be working hard to facilitate and collect action plans, and to help practitioners and learners make contact with one another and explore common interests. Environment Canada will also issue regular reports on the efforts being made by Canadians leading toward a true culture of environmental learning and sustainability, available on the Web site www.ec.gc.ca/education

## TD FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION

The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation provides funding for community-based initiatives that contribute to a better environment. Through the 110 local advisory boards across Canada, bank employees and customers evaluate projects and contribute to environmental learning.

"EDUCATORS ARE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GUIDING LEARNING IN SPITE OF INEVITABLE UNCERTAINTIES. TO FORGO THIS TASK - TO PUT ASIDE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES - RISKS CONVEYING THE IMPLICIT MESSAGE THAT THEY ARE NOT IMPORTANT, THAT LEARNERS CANNOT EFFECT CHANGE. HOWEVER, BY TAKING THESE ISSUES SERIOUSLY, THEY DEMON-STRATE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IS AN IMPORTANT EDUCA-TIONAL ISSUE - ONE THAT WARRANTS RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND THOUGHTFUL PRACTICE. TO DO LESS WOULD BE TO ABROGATE EDUCATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO ANTICIPATE, RATHER THAN MERELY RESPOND TO, IMPORTANT ISSUES OF OUR TIME. AND, IN TAKING THESE ISSUES SERIOUSLY, THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE BEST EDUCATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE EDGE BETWEEN PRESENT REALITIES AND FUTURE POSSIBILITIES."

BOB JICKLING
YUKON COLLEGE

"I CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AS A LONG PROCESS WHICH IS COMPA-RABLE TO LEARNING HOW TO READ OR TO WRITE IN A CERTAIN LANGUAGE. Environmental action (INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLEC-TIVELY) LEADS TO FEELINGS OF PRIDE, AND COMPETENCE, AND PROMOTES FURTHER ACTION. I BELIEVE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IS POSSIBLE AND THAT FAR MORE CITIZENS THAN WE THINK ARE OPEN AND READY TO ENGAGE IN SUCH LEARNING."

DIANE PRUNEAU,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
EDUCATION SCIENCES
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## Annex 1 Environmental Education: Historical Highlights

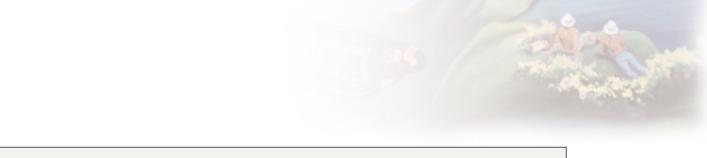
The year 1972 saw the first appearance of concerted international reflection on the subject of environmental education. At the *United Nations Conference on Human Development*, held in Stockholm, Sweden, the international community came together to discuss a global agenda for the environment and development.

In 1975, the *International Conference on Environmental Education* was held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and it produced the Belgrade Charter, which provides a global framework for environmental education. At that meeting, the *International Environmental Education Program* was established by UNESCO for the period from 1975 to 1985. The goals, objectives and overriding principles of environmental education were established at the *Intergovernmental Conference on Environmental Education* held in Tbilisi, USSR in 1977.

In 1980, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature presented its World Conservation Strategy. The concept of sustainable development was first advanced in this Strategy and it has since played a significant role in the development of environmental education. However, this concept did not really impinge upon the public imagination until the publication in 1987 of the Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development (commonly called the Brundtland Report).

The years 1992-1996 were packed with events relating to environmental education:

- 179 heads of government signed *Agenda 21* at the *United Nations Conference on Environment and Development* (the Earth Summit) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;
- At the parallel *Global 'NGO' Forum*, non-government organizations drafted and signed an alternative environmental education treaty (*Treaty on Environmental Education for Sustainable Societies and Global Responsibility*);
- Learning for a Sustainable Future began its activities in sustainable development education;
- ECO-ED brought together some 4,000 environmental educators from 90 countries in Toronto;
- The Centrale des syndicats du Québec launched the Établissements verts Brundtland movement;
- The Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) was established by the United Nations to monitor the implementation of the recommendations in Agenda 21;
- In April 1993, EECOM, the Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication was established;



- In 1995, Environment Canada's Biosphere opened its doors;
- In 1996, the Canadian Journal of Environmental Education published its first issue;
- In April 1996, the CSD gave UNESCO the task of monitoring the implementation of the recommendations in Chapter 36 of Agenda 21. This involved defining the basic conditions for, and principles of, integrating the new concept of sustainable development education.

In the fall of 1997 the international francophone forum "Planet'ERE de l'éducation relative à l'environnement dans une perspective de développement durable" was held in Montreal. Some 700 educators from 34 member countries of La Francophonie met and issued the Déclaration de Montréal. In December 1997, an international conference on Environment and Society – Education and Public Awareness was held in Thessaloniki, Greece, to consider Chapter 36 of Agenda 21. UNESCO tabled a document that represented a first attempt at providing a structure for the concept of sustainable development education.

Since 1998, several initiatives have been taken in the field of environmental education in Canada, including:

- The Online Colloquium: The Future of Environmental Education in a Postmodern World in October 1998, which brought together some 450 individuals from Canada and other parts of the world;
- The first issue of Regards, Recherches, Réflexions which was published in 1999;
- The appearance in 2000 of the report entitled *Educating for Sustainability: The Status of Sustainable Development Education in Canada* from the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada under the leadership of Manitoba Education, Training and Youth;
- The Canadian consultation on environmental education and sustainability which was launched in 2000 by Environment Canada;
- The second "Forum francophone international sur l'éducation relative à l'environnement," Planet'ERE 2, which took place in Paris in November 2001. During this forum, L'Appel de la Francophonie and L'Appel des jeunes were launched as calls to the global community for an ecological, peaceful, supportive and democratic world.

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