

Strong Task Force: Current and Future Follow-up May 1997

RECOMMENDATIONS	Current Follow-up				
	3 Sponsoring Institutions	IISD	IDRC	North-South Institute	Others
1. Knowledge & ICTs should be given priority in Cdn foreign policy; Canada should position itself as a creator & broker of knowledge for SD	* With M. Strong, briefed Standing Cttee on Foreign Affairs & Int'l Trade, Feb. 13	* Board position * Rio+5 - AJH chaired workshop on ICT * participation in DFAIT consultations			* Interdepartmental Working Group (IWG -Feds) * Cdn Int'l Information Strategy (CIIS)
2. Urgent action should be accorded to the institutional requirements of an effective knowledge system (strong institutions; linkages)			* Pan-Global Networking		
3. Focus should be on values & comparative advantages: democracy/human rights; SD; info infrastructure & outreach	* Climate Change Proposal	* Spinning the Web * Overall IISD info * ENB (openness & transparency) * Webcasting (Rio+5)	* Acacia * Pan-Global Networking * Knowledge-Brokering * Bellanet	* Climate Change Proposal	* Bellanet * Knowledge-Brokering (IFIAS)
4. Info-based networks should be created in Canada & beyond	* Climate Change Proposal	* Spinning the Web * Infrastructure	* Acacia * Pan-Global Networking	* Climate Change Proposal	* Bellanet * Knowledge-Brokering (IFIAS)

		Project	* Knowledge-Brokering * Bellanet	* Spinning the Web
5. Networks should be dynamic & participatory for rapid creation & multidirectional dissemination of practical knowledge		* Spinning the Web	* Acacia * Pan-Global Networking * Knowledge-Brokering * Bellanet	* Bellanet * Knowledge-Brokering (IFIAS) * Spinning the Web
6. A broad, diverse group should be assembled to design a Cdn program for knowledge-based networks	* in-depth studies commissioned	* Search Conference, May 15-16		
7. Innovative funding mechanisms should be developed, e.g. endowed central funding mechanism		* grant networks for ENB		
8. At least 15% of Canada's ODA should be allocated to knowledge-related development programs	* devote most or all of their ODA to this goal			
9. Recipient organizations should eventually commit themselves to a dollar-for dollar match against ODA contributions		* Manitoba Challenge Fund		
10. IISD, IDRC, & NSI set an example of leadership by establishing a joint communications program	* joint communications strategy talks underway			
11. A priority for government & for the three institutions must be creating opportunities for		* Youth Info Corps proposal * Youth Int'l		* Youth Int'l Internships (20 to IISD) funded by

youth

Internships (20)
funded by DFAIT
& CIDA
* IISD-MRTEE
Scholar

DFAIT & CIDA

12. The three institutions should be at the forefront in advising Cdn efforts on knowledge-based initiatives in the years ahead (e.g. overlapping board & committee directorships, staff sharing, joint communications systems)

- * representative on IWG
- * agreement on closer links at governance level and coordination at presidential level
- * promotion of task force report

- * investigating staff secondments with CIDA

- * CIDA investigating staff secondments with IDRC

RECOMMENDATIONS	Future Follow-Up				
	3 Sponsoring Institutions	IISD	IDRC	North-South	Others
1. Knowledge & ICTs should be given priority in Cdn foreign policy; Canada should position itself as a creator & broker of knowledge for SD	* through IWG & others, build links with Industry Canada, Environment Canada etc. as well as DFAIT & CIDA				
2. Urgent action should be accorded to the institutional requirements of an effective knowledge system (strong institutions; linkages)	* build stronger linkages between the private sector, government, the 3 institutions & others				
3. Focus should be on values & comparative advantages: democracy/human rights; SD; info infrastructure & outreach	* explore possibilities for joint projects within Canada (e.g. ICHRDD) & beyond	* move into webcasting & electronic journalism			
4. Info-based networks should be created in Canada & beyond	* explore possibilities for joint projects (e.g. ICHRDD)	* strengthen links with like-minded institutions			
5. Networks should be dynamic & participatory for rapid creation & multidirectional dissemination of practical knowledge					
6. A broad, diverse group should be assembled to design a Cdn program for knowledge-based networks	* explore participation of ICHRDD * follow-up to Search Conference, May 15-16	* follow-up to Search Conference, May 15-16			
7. Innovative funding mechanisms should be developed, e.g. endowed central funding mechanism	* explore possibilities for corporate funding & commitment to SD * provide guidance to private foundations who wish to support SD				
8. At least 15% of Canada's ODA should be allocated to knowledge-related development programs					

9. Recipient organizations should eventually commit themselves to a dollar-for dollar match against ODA contributions

10. IISD, IDRC, & NSI set an example of leadership by establishing a joint communications program

- * joint presentations & workshops at conferences booth sharing possible
- * cost sharing or common services (publications, library, ICT infrastructure etc.)

11. A priority for government & for the three institutions must be creating opportunities for youth

- * explore linkages with organizations like Canada World Youth

- * expand / re-orient summer student program towards info/ICT
- * revamp IISDnet for Youth Perspectives

12. The three institutions should be at the forefront in advising Cdn efforts on knowledge-based initiatives in the years ahead

- * op. ed. pieces to be written & published
- * explore closer links across three Boards