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# Global Stewardship: A Vision for Canada in the World

## Group of 78 Annual Policy Conference 2007

September 28 – 30, 2007  
Cartier Place Suite Hotel, 180 Cooper St., Ottawa, K2P 2L5

### Program

Conference Chair: Richard Harmston

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#### Friday, 28 September

Brittany Salon

17:30 Registration and Cash Bar

19:00 **Dinner:** Keynote Speakers

*Canada's Place in Global Stewardship: A cross-generational discussion*

- **Hon. Flora MacDonald**  
Former Secretary of State for External Affairs
- **Cristina Remond**  
Graduate Student, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

#### Saturday, 29 September

Brittany Salon

8:30 Registration

9:00 **Welcome** – Richard Harmston, conference Chair and Chair, Group of 78

9:15

**Panel – *Principles and Goals for a Progressive Canadian Foreign Policy***

**Chair: Gerald Ohlsen**, vice chair Group of 78

- **Peace and Disarmament - Ernie Regehr**, Senior Policy Advisor, Project Ploughshares
- **Poverty and Development - Molly Kane**, Executive Director, InterPares
- **Environment - David Pollock**, Consultant; Board Director, Sustainable Development Technology Canada ; former Executive Director, Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development.
- **Global Governance - Michael Byers**, Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law, Department of Political Science University of British Columbia  
Author, *Intent for a Nation: What is Canada For ?*

11:00 **Break**

Britany Salon, Cartier Salon #1, Cartier Salon #2

11:15 **Moderated Discussion Workshops**

moderators: Sheila Muxlow, Rachel Moore, Brad Morden

Discussion of a new basic statement for the Group of 78 on principles and goals of Canadian foreign policy, drawing on the panel presentations and reflections of the participants. Draft of statement provided to participants prior to conference.

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12:30 **Luncheon - *Redefining Development Aid in a Turbulent World***

**Speaker: Manfred Bienefeld**, Professor, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University

14:00 **Panel - *Canada's Immediate Agenda and Practice of Foreign Policy: A five-year horizon***

**Chair: Steven Staples**, director, Rideau Institute

- **Dealing with “hot spots” (Afghanistan, Sudan, etc.)- Peggy Mason**  
Chair, Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee, Former Ambassador for Disarmament
- **Relationships: UN, US, NATO, Commonwealth,**

**and others - Hal Klepak**

Professor, History and Warfare Studies, Royal  
Military College of Canada

- **Public Engagement and Advocacy – Jean Christie**  
Consultant, strategic planning, public engagement  
and public policy
- **Canadian resources for sustained, active  
engagement - Gerry Ohlsen - Vice Chair, Group of  
78, former foreign service officer**

15:45 **Break**

16:00 **Moderated Discussion Workshops**

Discussion of the second part of the draft statement, focusing  
on the topics identified during the afternoon panel  
presentations, with a view to identifying Canadian foreign  
policy priorities and practices for the next five years.

1. **Youth and Civil Society** – Cartier Salon #1 –  
moderator Jen Hiscock
2. **“Hot spots”**– Brittany Salon – moderator tbd
3. **Multilateral and Bilateral relationships** – Cartier  
Salon #2 – moderator Meghan Cooper

Brittany Salon

17:30 **Closing comments**

17:45 **Cash Bar and reception**

**Sunday, 30 September**

Brittany Salon

09:00 **Final review of new foreign policy statement**

**Chair, Clyde Sanger**

- Principles and Goals
- Issues and Practice

11:15 **Break**

**11:30 Group of 78 Annual General Meeting**

- Formal business (minutes, financial report etc.)
- Members' approval of new policy statement
- Future program for Group of 78
- Structure and Operations (including membership policy)
- Election of the new Board of Directors

**13:00 Wrap-up and concluding comments**