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Background Materials
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Panel 1 – Environmentally Sustainable Development – International Commitment and Implementation. Are we going forward?

- Commentary – Bruce Pardy (environmental law, Queen's University)
  CBC Radio 1 Aug. 29, 2002
- Johannesburg conference web site http://www.johannesburgsummit.org/
- Isuma (a journal of Canadian policy research on sustainable development) with articles by Maurice Strong, Gro Harlem Bruntland, Don Johnston, David Runnals, David McGuinty, Simon Dalby and various others.
- Sustainable Development is a hoax: We cannot have it all - Jeremy Seabrook (PDF), The Guardian, Monday August 5, 2002
- Beyond the Promise Land – opinion article by Elizabeth Dowdeswell Ottawa Citizen Mon. Aug. 26
- Sustainable Development Online
- http://www.worldviewofglobalwarming.org/

Panel 2 – Trade and Global Equity- New Partnerships or Recolonization?

Panel 3 – Redefining National and International Security: Canadian Foreign Policy at another crossroads or a steadily narrowing bicycle path?

Discussion Group 1 – Canadian Defence Policy

• Facing Our Responsibilities - The State of Readiness of the Canadian Forces Report of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs (SCONDVA) May 2002 (See Committee Business, Committee Reports, SCONDVA) (Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2 only) [www.parl.gc.ca](http://www.parl.gc.ca)
• Caught in the Middle: An Assessment of the Operational Readiness of the Canadian Forces Conference of Defence Associations September 2001 [www.cda-cdai.ca](http://www.cda-cdai.ca) (then click CF Opreadiness)

Discussion Group 2 - Canadian Water Policy

• Walkerton Inquiry report at www.walkertoninquiry.com Part 2 raises issues about policy related to watershed management and general water management in Canada - roles and responsibilities of federal, provincial and municipal governments. The themes he suggests are watershed
management, implementation, and the roles and responsibilities of various levels of gov't.


**Discussion Group 3 – Canadian Anti-Terrorism Legislation**

- September 11: The State of Civil Liberties One Year Later. Opinion article by Irwin Cotler, Ottawa Citizen September 14, 2002

**Discussion Group 4 – International Criminal Court and the Future of International Law**

DFAIT ICC website:

- French: [http://www.cpi.gc.ca](http://www.cpi.gc.ca)