

## **Fiscal Equalization and Economic Development Policy within Federations**

The Conference on Fiscal Equalization and Economic Development Policy within Federations was organized by the Forum of Federations in partnership with the Prince Edward Island Provincial Treasury, and held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, October 28 - 29, 2002.

The Forum of Federations recruited practitioners and experts from six countries: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Germany, Spain, and the United States. Paul Bernd Spahn of Germany also delivered a presentation on the European Union while Ron Neuman of the Manitoba Department of Finance spoke on fiscal relations in South Africa. The conference was opened by Ms. Patricia Mella, Provincial Treasurer of Prince Edward Island, while Dr. Ronald Watts delivered a dinner address comparing national equalization experiences.

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