

**International Conference on Federalism
Mont-Tremblant, October 1999
BACKGROUND PAPER**

**International Conference on Federalism
CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
5 to 8 October 1999**

Tuesday, 5 October 1999

Evening: Registration and cocktails

Wednesday, 6 October 1999

8:30 - 10:00

Session 1)

OPENING PLENARY

**Welcoming Remarks by Conference Co-Chairs:
Bob Rae and Henning Voscherau**

The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada

Ernesto Zedillo, President of the United States of Mexico

Announcements

10:00 - 10:30

coffee break

10:30-11:45

Session 2A)

**CSD Theme Plenary
Social Diversity and Federalism**

Chair:

Gilles Duceppe (Canada) Leader of the Bloc Québécois Party

Speakers:

Jeevan Reddy (India) Chairman, Law Commission of India

**Ghislain Picard (Canada) Regional Chief (Quebec and Labrador) of the
Assembly of First Nations**

Alex I. Ekwueme (Nigeria) Former Vice-President of Nigeria

Discussion Leader:

**Will Kymlicka (Canada) Professor, Department of Philosophy, Queen's
University**

Session 2B)

**EFF Theme Plenary
New Economic and Fiscal Federalism**

Chair:

Preston Manning (Canada) Leader of the Reform Party

Speakers:

Murphy Morobe (S. Africa) Head of the Financial and Fiscal Commission

Pedro Parente (Brazil) Chief of Staff, President's Office

Paul Martin (Canada) Federal Minister of Finance

Discussion Leader:

Richard Bird (Canada) Consultant, World Bank Institute

13:45-15:00

Session 3A)

IGR Theme Plenary

The Challenges of Intergovernmental Relations

Chair:

Joe Clark (Canada) Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party

Speakers:

Joseph Facal (Canada) Québec Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

**Arnold Koller (Switzerland) Former President of the Swiss Confederacy
and Head of the Department of Justice and Police**

Tommy Thompson (USA) Governor of Wisconsin

Stéphane Dion (Canada) Federal Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

Discussion Leader:

**Cheryl Saunders Director of the Centre for Comparative
(Australia) Constitutional Studies, University of Melbourne**

**Session 3B)
SPF Theme Plenary:
Federalism and the Welfare State**

Chair:

**Alexa McDonough Leader of the New Democratic Party
(Canada)**

Presenter:

**Robert Reich (USA) Former Secretary of State for Labor; presently at
M.I.T.**

Discussion Leaders:

Frances Lund (S. Africa) Research Professor, University of Natal

**Michael Mendelson Senior Scholar, Caledon Institute of Social Policy
(Canada)**

15:30-17:30

**Session 4A)
CSD Roundtable
Models of Federal Power Sharing**

Session Leaders:

**Jos Chabert (Belgium) Vice-President and Minister for Public works,
transport and health policy of the Government of Brussels Capital
Region; first Vice-President of the Committee of Regions (EU)**

**Ramazan Abdulatipov Federal Minister (Special Advisor for Nationalities
(Russia) Affairs)**

**Session 4B)
CSD Roundtable
Models of Federal Citizenship Rights**

Session Leaders:

**Jean-Claude Thébault Director of the Forward Studies Unit, European
(European Union) Commission**

**Ed Broadbent (Canada) Visiting fellow, Department of Political Studies,
Queen's University**

**Session 4C)
EFF Roundtable
Economic Policy Making: Advantages and Disadvantages of the Federal
Model**

Session Leader:

**Anwar Shah Public Sector Institutional Reform Coordinator, Operations
Evaluation Department, the World Bank**

**Session 4D)
EFF Roundtable
Taxing Choices**

Session Leader:

**Hafiz A. Pasha Managing Director, Social Policy and Development
(Pakistan) Center**

Session 4E)
IGR Roundtables (2)
Structures of Intergovernmental Institutions

Session Leaders:

**a) Uwe Leonardy (Germany) Former Head of Constitutional Division,
Lower Saxon Mission to the Federation**

**b) Allan Blakeney (Canada) Professor of Law, University of
Saskatchewan; former Premier of Saskatchewan**

Session 4F)
IGR Roundtables (2)
Mechanisms for Intergovernmental Relations

Session Leaders:

a) A.W. Kazi (Pakistan) Secretary to the Cabinet

**b) Roger Wilkins (Australia) Director General, New South Wales Cabinet
Office**

**c) André Baltensperger Secretary of the Conference of Governments of
the
(Switzerland) Cantons (CGC)**

Session 4G)
SPF Panel
Responsibility, Accountability, and Finance

Speakers:

**Alain Noël (Canada) Professor, Department of Political Science,
Université de Montréal**

Christine Charles (Australia) Chief Executive, Department of Human Services, South Australia

Mian Imran Masood Chairman, Chief Minister's Taskforce for Education, (Pakistan) Punjab, Pakistan

Discussion Leader:

Charles Pascal (Canada) Executive Director of the Atkinson Foundation

18:00 - 19:30

RECEPTION

Assembly of First Nations of Canada: Billy Two Rivers and Ghislain Picard

20:00

BANQUET

Lucien Bouchard, Premier of Quebec

Jean-Luc Dehaene, Senator and former Prime Minister of Belgium

Thursday, 7 October 1999

8:30 - 10:30

Session 5)

PLENARY

Discussion Panel: New Directions in Federalism

Chair:

**Rui de Britto Alvares Director, Economy and Public Sector, Foundation
for the
Affonso (Brazil) Development of Public Administration (FUNDAP)**

Panelists:

**Gamini Laksman Peiris Minister of Justice
(Sri Lanka)**

**Wole Soyinka (Nigeria) Writer; Laureate, Nobel Prize for Literature
(1986)**

**George Reid Deputy Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament
(United Kingdom)**

10:30 - 11:00

coffee break

11:00-12:30

**Session 6A)
CSD Roundtable
Immigration and Migration**

Session Leaders:

**Guy Laforest (Canada) Professor, Department of Political Science,
Université Laval**

Urs Ziswiler (Switzerland) Ambassador to Canada

**Session 6B)
CSD Roundtable
"National Groups"**

Session Leaders:

Brigitte Grouwels (Belgium) Member of the Flemish Parliament and of the Council of the Brussels Capital Region; former Minister of the Flemish community affairs for Brussels

Charles Taylor (Canada) Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy, McGill University

**Session 6C)
EFF Roundtable
Burden Sharing or Dividing the Spoils**

Session Leader:

Kurt Stalder (Switzerland) Director of the Central Secretariat, Swiss Conference of the Cantons of Ministers of Finance

**Session 6D)
EFF Roundtable
Globalization and the Decline of the Nation State**

Session Leader:

Felix Peña (Argentina) Sub-Secretary, Federal Ministry of External Commerce

**Session 6E)
IGR Roundtables (2)
Dispute Resolution**

Session Leaders:

- a) Norman Sterling (Canada) Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs,
Government of Ontario
- b) Kamal Uddin Azfar Barrister-at-law
(Pakistan)
- c) Wolf Okresek (Austria) Director General, Constitutional Law Division,
Federal Chancellery

**Session 6F)
IGR Roundtable**

Indigenous Peoples: Self Government and Intergovernmental Relations

Session Leaders:

**Pat Turner (Australia) Former Executive Director of the Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC); Chair of Australian Studies,
Georgetown University**

**John Amagoalik (Canada) Former Chief Commissioner, Nunavut
Implementation Commission**

**Session 6G)
IGR Roundtable**

The Role of the Private Sector in Intergovernmental Relations

Session Leaders:

Judy Tyers (Australia) Business Council of Australia

**Session 6H)
SPF Roundtable
Reconciling Equity and Decentralization: Health**

Session Leaders:

**Melba Pria Olavarrieta Director General Instituto Nacional Indigenista
(Mexico)**

**Beatrice Olabimpe Aboyade Senior Associate and Board Member at the
Development
(Nigeria) Policy Research**

Huguette Labelle (Canada) President, CIDA

**Session 6I)
SPF Roundtable
Reconciling Equity and Decentralization: Education**

Session Leaders:

**Cecilia Braslavsky Researcher, CONICET/FLASCO
(Argentina)**

**Benjamin Levin (Canada) Dean, Continuing Education and Professor
University of Manitoba**

**Jonathan Jansen Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic, University of
(S. Africa) Durban Westville**

**Session 6J)
SPF Roundtable
Reconciling Equity and Decentralization: Income Security**

Session Leaders:

Peter Whiteford (Australia) Senior civil servant, department of Family and Community Services

Jim McCormick (Scotland) Expert in Income Security, Scottish Council Foundation

Leila Patel (S. Africa) Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of the Witwatersrand

14:00-15:20

**Session 7A)
CSD Roundtable
Regional Diversity**

Session Leaders:

Popo S. Molefe (S. Africa) Premier of North-West province

Osvaldo Alvarez Guerrero Former Governor of the Province of Rio Negro; (Argentina) President of the Arturo Illia Foundation for Democracy and Peace

**Session 7B)
CSD Roundtable
Religious Diversity**

Session Leaders:

**Moshe Ma'oz (Israel) Professor, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies,
Hebrew University**

**Asghar Ali Engineer (India) President, Centre for Study of Society and
Secularism**

**Session 7C)
IGR Roundtable
Local Government / International Cities**

**Session Leader:
Ricardo Pascoe Pierce District Mayor in Benito, Juarez
(Mexico)**

**Session 7D)
IGR Roundtable
The Role of Non-Governmental Organizations in Intergovernmental
Relations**

**Session Leader:
Adetoun Ilumoka (Nigeria) Executive Director, Empowerment and Action
Research Centre**

14:00 -17:00

**Session 7E)
EFF Roundtable
Coping with Multi-Level Government: The View from the Private Sector**

Session Leaders:

Amaresh Bagchi (India) Member of the Finance Commission, former director of the National Finance and Public Policy Institute

Marcel Côté (Canada) Partner, SECOR

Session 7F)

EFF Roundtable

Regional Economic Development: Building Partnerships or Transfer Dependencies?

Session Leaders:

Pedro Parente (Brasil) Chief of Staff, President's Office

Anwar Shah Public Sector Institutional Reform Coordinator, Operations Evaluation Department, the World Bank

Session 7G)

IGR Roundtable (3)

Internationalization, Globalization and Federal Systems

Session Leaders:

a) Melantonio Cesario (Brazil) Director of the Advisory Office on Federal Relations, Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Relations

b) Michael Keating (Australia) Professor; former Head of the Prime Minister's Department

c) Gérald Beaudoin (Canada) Senator

**Session 7H)
SPF Roundtable
Emerging Challenges and Opportunities: Technology**

Session Leaders:

Michael Mendelson (Canada) Senior Scholar, Caledon Institute of Social Policy

Rinalia Rahim (Malaysia) Lead Person, Governance, the Global Knowledge II Conference

Michael Steiner (Austria) Director, Joanneum Research Institute in Graz

Michael Connolly (Canada) Chief Information Officer, Government of Ontario

**Session 7I)
SPF Roundtable
Emerging Challenges and Opportunities: the Global Market / External Pressures**

Chair:

Arturo Alavarado (Mexico) Professor and Researcher, Centre for Sociological Studies

Session Leaders:

Julie Delahanty (Canada) Researcher, Gender and Equality, North-South Institute

Palagummi Sainath (India) Journalist and Author

David Sogge (Netherlands) Fellow, Transnational Institute, Amsterdam

15:40 - 17:00

**Session 7K)
CSD Roundtable
Indigenous Peoples**

Session Leaders:

Joseph Gosnell (Canada) President, Nisga'a Tribal Council

**José del Val Blanco President, Inter-American Indian Institute
(Mexico)**

**Session 7L)
CSD Roundtable
Linguistic Diversity**

Session Leaders:

**Hans Peter Furrer Director of Political Affairs, Council of Europe
(Council of Europe)**

**L.M. Singhvi (India) Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India;
Member of the Rajya Sabha (Upper House)**

**Session 7M)
IGR Roundtables (2)
Adaptability and Change in Federations**

Session Leaders:

a) Gil Rémillard (Canada) Lawyer, Byers and Casgrain; former Quebec Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs; former Quebec Minister of Justice; Professor at the École nationale d'administration publique (ÉNAP)

b) Franklin Dehousse (Belgium) Professor Université de Liège; Special representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs

c) Carole Hillard (USA) Lieutenant-Governor of South Dakota

17:30-19:15

**Session 8)
YOUTH DISCUSSION SESSION**

Co-Chairs:

Vivien Chan (Canada) Youth Programme Coordinator, Forum of Federations

**Thomas Schmidt Member of the Young Swiss People's Party
(Switzerland)**

Speaker:

Jonathan Rose (Canada) Professor of Political Studies, Queen's University

Friday, 8 October 1999

9:00 - 12:00

**Session 9)
PLENARY**

Co-Chairs: Bob Rae and Henning Voscherau

Theme Reports

Rapporteur CSD:

**Michel Rosenfeld (USA) Professor of Law, Cardozo School of Law;
President, International Association of Constitutional Law**

Rapporteur EFF:

Richard Bird (Canada) Consultant, World Bank Institute

Rapporteur IGR:

**Gary Sturgess (Australia) Independent consultant; former Cabinet
Secretary and Director General of the Cabinet Office in New South Wales**

Rapporteur SPF:

**Nicholas Timmins Public Policy Editor, Financial Times
(England)**

Youth report

Rapporteur:

**Marie-France Pelletier Policy advisor to the Premier of New Brunswick
(Canada)**

coffee break

Introduction of the Speaker:

**Jean Charest Leader of the Official Opposition, National Assembly of
Québec; Leader of the Liberal Party of Québec
"Governance in the Digital Economy"**

Don Tapscott (Canada) Chair, Alliance for Converging Technologies;

author

12:00 - 13:00

LUNCH (Conference Area has to be vacated for security reasons)

**Introduction: The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of
Canada**

14:00

**CLOSING ADDRESS:
US President William Jefferson Clinton**

Announcements - Adjournment

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