



## UN-NGO Informal Regional Network in Canada

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Dear Sir or Madam:

We are very pleased to invite you to the launch of the UN-NGO Regional Network in Canada. This forum will be held in Kelowna, British Columbia between **February 18-20, 2004**, jointly hosted by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and Hope for the Nations, an organization based in British Columbia.

While the primary aim of this forum is to strengthen coordination, collaboration and partnerships between the Non Governmental Organization (NGO) sector and the United Nations it is also intended to build and reinforce the capacities of participant organizations so they can contribute effectively to regional, national and international development efforts. Further, it will promote partnership initiatives, particularly within the framework of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the overall objectives of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

**We have sent you an invitation even though you may not have any relationship with the UN. Whereas one of the days (Friday) is intended for only those NGO's with Special Consultative Status within the Economic Social Council of the UN the other days are open to those who have an interest to learn more about the UN and particularly its activities working with NGO's.**

Please review the enclosed registration package and return it by the deadline shown if you will be attending this forum. We encourage you to come and participate and network with all the other NGO's in attendance.

Yours truly,

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