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FOURTH CAPITALS ALLIANCE MEETING
QUATRIÈME RENDEZ-VOUS DE L'ALLIANCE DES CAPITALES



Capitals Alliance 2005

Ottawa Statement

National capitals are special cities that represent and serve as a model for an entire country, embodying its hopes and inspiring its people, while remaining effective spaces for both ceremony and administration. In view of this, we agree to promote the following principles and actions:

PRINCIPLES

- Encourage the sharing of visions and ideals and create linkages for national capitals from around the world in the 21st Century.
- Provide a forum for the exchange of information and experiences, ideas and expertise on national capitals making the best use of technology.
- Promote the story of the past, the present and the future of Alliance capitals.
- Ensure that the principles of sustainable development, healthy communities and smart growth become central to the actions of Capitals Alliance participants.
- Focus on the challenges world capitals face related to planning, programming, transportation, security and social issues so that national capitals can serve as models for cities in their country as well as communities around the world.

ACTIONS

- Hold regular meetings in Alliance capitals and maintain regular contact among members. For example, make a website for members where resources and information can be shared freely among world capitals along with a summary of the proceedings of the most recent Capitals Alliance meeting.
- Establish and maintain an exchange of information among members and encourage new capitals to adopt and support the objectives of the network.
- Continue efforts to recruit new capitals from around the world into the network to participate in the next Alliance meeting in cooperation with the diplomatic corps where possible.