Codes of Good Practice on Policy Dialogue and Funding: Delivering on Our Commitment

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Working Group on Funding Practices

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Codes:
Built on a Firm Foundation

- The Accord: provides a framework of values and principles for building and strengthening our relationship
- Codes: founded on the Accord framework and on earlier work undertaken by government, with involvement of the sector:
  - Draft Policy Statement and Guidelines on Consulting and Engaging Canadians -- Privy Council Office
  - Federal Strategy on Funding Practices and Policies -- Treasury Board Secretariat
  - Input of the voluntary sector's Working Group on Financing

Codes:
Developed Collaboratively and Co-operatively

- Joint Accord Table

- Voluntary Sector Steering Group

- Assistant Deputy Ministers Executive and Advisory Committees

- Consultations across the sector (June 2002): 6 cities, close to 100 participants

- Consultations across government (June – August 2002): more than 80 participants representing over 30 departments and agencies

- Joint Coordinating Committee

Codes:
Substantive Guidance

POLICY DIALOGUE

Premise:

<u>Policy dialogue between the two sectors is essential</u>: government's policies and programs are better when they benefit from the sector's experience, expertise, knowledge and ideas

Many Good Practices are in place in some parts of both sectors:

Government is:

- Increasing opportunities for sector involvement early and throughout the policy process
- Reaching the full diversity of the sector with innovative means
- Sharing information
- Discussing outcomes and results

Codes:
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POLICY DIALOGUE (cont'd)

Voluntary Sector is:

- Strengthening policy capacity in areas of expertise
- Considering and representing views across the diversity of the sector
- Building consensus and improving coordination
- Developing and using policy networks across both sectors

Some good practices are new:

- Government will develop a voluntary sector lens to ensure we assess major policy and program proposals in light of their impacts and implications for the sector
- Voluntary sector will pursue opportunities to identify and raise new and emerging issues, including local issues
- Voluntary sector will take specific steps to ensure that diverse groups within the sector are given an opportunity to consider issues and provide input

Codes:
Substantive Guidance

FUNDING

Premise:

Each sector recognizes its responsibility to be accountable to Canadians and the importance of sustainable capacity to enable voluntary sector organizations to serve Canadians

Many Good Practices are in place in some parts of both sectors:

Government is:

- Where possible, using multi-year funding arrangements to enhance capacity to contribute to longer term priorities of government
- Being transparent and consistent in stating objectives, results, eligibility, application and reporting requirements
- Streamlining and simplifying arrangements to minimize administrative demands

Codes:
Substantive Guidance

FUNDING (cont'd)

Voluntary Sector is:

- Developing and diversifying funding sources
- Ensuring that organizations have the level of financial expertise needed to fulfil all their financial management, recording and reporting obligations
- Working with government funders to identify ways to make programs more responsive to local needs

Some good practices are new:

- Government will work to harmonize processes for joint funding
- Government will avoid creating unintended barriers for smaller, less experienced organizations
- Voluntary sector will include infrastructure costs when developing budget estimates
- Voluntary sector will engage government in dialogue about innovative funding approaches

Codes in Action:
We Are All Accountable

- Codes' use and effectiveness part of annual report to Ministers and sector representatives on the Accord
- Additionally,

In government:
- All Deputy Ministers and Heads of Agencies will be asked to take action to promote these Codes

In the voluntary sector:
- The Voluntary Sector Forum will promote awareness of the Codes and will guide the development of monitoring and reporting measures

A Proud Moment!

- Accord gave us an important mandate

- In its spirit, we have worked together to take it forward

- Codes of Good Practice are key tools

- They are now ours to use