

# Working Session on the Forum and Network

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# Managing the EEN

- EEN [Canada] with federal financial assistance and developed entirely by volunteer support
- Ad hoc organizing committee from Environment, Parks, Fisheries and Oceans, Trillium Foundation, Stratos, Environmental Management & Consulting, Fairbairn Environmental, Senes, & Neimanis Environmental Consultant
- Funding for this event arranged across 8 federal organizations with environmental interests (EC, Ag, CEAA, DFO, INAC, NRCan, Parks, PWGSC)
- Continue to build using established U.S.-based infrastructure – web site, LinkedIn

# Content for EEN [Canada]

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- Topics of interest
  - This year's event focused on tools for evaluation
  - Last year's event focused on decision-making and changing behaviour
  - EEN [Washington 2009] focused on the value of evaluation
  - Other suggestions?

# Responses to your suggestions

- Linking sectors – NGO, foundations, government in area of evaluation
- Bridging gap between natural and social science
- Appeal to planning and program managers
- Session on how to stretch the results chain and how long-term environmental changes result in social changes
- Role of Sustainable Development Strategy
- Joint sessions with scientists on data measurement
- Connection between science and decision-making
- Increasingly targeted invitations to participants
- Speakers on the science behind decisions
- Nil
- Speakers address topic of evaluation and environment
- Nil
- Speakers on the science
- Speakers on this connection

# Other suggestions in survey

- Methods on targeting evaluation
- Addressing cumulative effects
- Focus on only people with only environmental background /environmental evaluation
- More on tools
- Too heavy federal focus
- Use of workshops
- Other events – breakfast sessions, professional seminars and high profile speakers
- Being electronically networked
- Theme of tools
- Nil
- Not the intent of EEN
- Theme of this forum
- Feds major player
- Nil
- Limited by funding/ volunteers
- NFWF listserv became dormant and Linkedin developed

# Questions

- Does EEN[Canada] address your needs?
- Should other Canadian linkages be sought? (CES, PPX)
- Does EEN need higher profile in your organization?
- How to best extend the network to others?
- Continued sustainability – volunteers, financial support
- Other comments/ expectations?

# Possible Structures

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- Organization
  - Formalize into a “board of directors”
  - Retain as an ad hoc event
  - On-going financial support
- Frequency and type of connections
  - Annual Forum
  - Maintain network connections - LinkedIn

# Next steps

- Closing survey (e-mailed to you)
  - Canvass opinions of this event
  - Solicit your views on ideas and structure
  - All presentations will be posted on the EEN web site –  
[http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=EEN\\_Canada1&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=59&ContentID=10670](http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=EEN_Canada1&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=59&ContentID=10670)
  - Challenge to maintain active dialogue (register yourself on LinkedIn site – [http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1773788&trk=hb\\_side\\_g](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1773788&trk=hb_side_g))
  - Results of survey will be shared with 60 days to determine future



# Closure

- Recognize volunteers actively delivered this forum

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