

## Speakers to sound off on sustainable development

Experts from around the world are coming to Nova Scotia to talk about sustainable development.

"There is no reason this region cannot become a leading world model and an example of good development practices," said Ronald Colman, executive director of GPI Atlantic, a sponsor of the four-day gathering beginning June 20 at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish.

Ottawa is contributing \$250,000 to the event, which will showcase Nova Scotia success stories of environmentally friendly economic development and include presentations on advances in the field from around the world.

The conference called Rethinking Development: Local Pathways to Global Well-being, will bring together more than 400 economists, environmentalists, educators, philosophers, farmers, religious and social leaders, community activists and musicians from six continents and more than 30 countries.

Sponsors include GPI Atlantic, a Nova Scotia-based non-profit research group, the Coady International Institute at St. F.X., the province and Shambhala International.

"This conference can show Nova Scotians and Atlantic Canadians how to integrate sustainable and equitable economic development with environmental and cultural preservation and good governance," Mr. Colman said.

Additional information is available at [www.gpiatlantic.org](http://www.gpiatlantic.org).

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