

Forests without Borders (formerly FACT)

The Institute worked to complete the objects change for *Forests without Borders* (FwB), following its recognition by Industry Canada as a unique national non-profit organization and charity during 2010–2011. FwB is currently in the final stage of having its mandate approved to include international developmental aid as part of its sanctioned business activities. Original FACT mandates and authorized activities have been maintained as part of the new organization. An externally funded internship to coordinate and oversee the development of standardized administrative procedures and protocols for FwB was established. As well, an advisory committee was created to help develop policies and guidelines for accepting new projects and partnerships and to create a strategic plan. In addition, a full Board of Trustees was established for FwB.

Members across Canada have expressed an interest in sharing their expertise. The process of developing a database of human resources that can be shared with groups looking to use membership skills is underway.

In the past, financial statements for FACT and Forests without Borders were included in the Institute's annual report. Based on legal recommendations, a separate annual report and financial statements will be prepared for FwB beginning in 2011. The first annual report for the non-profit organization—charity with accompanying financial statements will be released in fall 2011.