

Ian MacArthur started his career in 1988 with Industry Canada's Information Technologies Industry Branch in which he worked with Canada's high technology sector towards: developing industrial policies; facilitating international trade strategies and missions; promoting research and development consortiums and delivering semiconductor development R&D programs. From 1995 to 1998 he worked with, and was involved in the launch of Industry Canada's "Strategis". From 1998 to 1999, Mr MacArthur joined Investment Partnership Canada, a joint DFAIT and IC undertaking to encourage Multinational investments in Canada.

In 1999, Mr. MacArthur joined the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada as Manager, Strategic Planning in the Chief Information's office of the Corporate Services sector. Current projects and initiatives include facilitating inter-departmental, inter-jurisdictional and national aboriginal organization partnerships towards encouraging Internet awareness, deployment, usage and applications among Aboriginal communities and people. Specific projects include developing aboriginal stakeholder partnerships towards:

- launching and further developing the Aboriginal Canada Portal web-site
- planning and coordinating the National Connecting Aboriginal Canadians Forum
- researching, analyzing and promoting telecommunications policies and programs that will increase connectivity among aboriginal communities and peoples