

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Communication from Canada

The following communication, received on 5 October 2012, is circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

1. Canada would like to provide an update regarding the provision of technical assistance from January to December 2011.¹ Technical assistance has been provided to developing countries in accordance with Article 9 of the *Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures*. The assistance was primarily aimed at facilitating the development and implementation of sanitary and phytosanitary measures based on sound science. The attached table reflects Canadian technical assistance in 2011. While every effort has been made to ensure that information contained in the table presents all relevant technical assistance projects, it may not constitute a complete compilation of technical assistance delivered given the number of Canadian government departments and agencies and the variety of delivery programs involved.
2. The monetary value of the technical assistance committed amounted to approximately Can\$ 2.2 million between January and December 2011. It should be noted that, in many cases, the organizations providing the assistance also made additional in-kind contributions to projects.
3. Assistance was provided to more than 17 countries – in Latin America, the Caribbean, Central Asia, and the Asia-Pacific region. Assistance was directed to both individual countries, groups of countries, and to international organizations.
4. Canada's assistance addressed three of the four broad categories listed in G/SPS/GEN/206: information; training; and "soft" infrastructure development (but not "hard" infrastructure development). Assistance from Canada covered most of the "typical areas of competence" listed under the headings of food safety, animal health and plant protection, in the Annex of G/SPS/GEN/206.
5. Note that in 2011, the first contribution (\$2 million) of a multi-year, multi-million dollar contribution was made by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) on

¹One table is attached identifying technical assistance committed to developing countries in 2011. Canada has provided technical assistance updates for 2010 (G/SPS/GEN/1149), 2009 (G/SPS/GEN/1099), 2008 (G/SPS/GEN/1027), 2007 (G/SPS/GEN/1008), 2005-2006 (G/SPS/GEN/765), 2000-2004 (G/SPS/GEN/728), and for years prior to 2000 (G/SPS/GEN/143/Rev.1/Add.1).

behalf of Canada to the WTO Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF). A total of \$5 million over the period 2011-2014 will be provided to the STDF as a financial contribution to the Facility's work in the coordination of international SPS activities and SPS capacity building in developing and least developed countries.

6. In all, 18 projects are listed for the period January to December 2011. Some of the projects listed are multi-year projects. Projects are only reported once and generally in the year in which the project is initiated unless subsequent funded project extensions occur.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY CANADA
JANUARY 2011 – DECEMBER 2011**

Sector	Description of Particular Programme	Form of Assistance:	Provided to	Contact
Animal Health	Study tour and training program in aquatic animal health for two Russian officials from the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Services. (18-28 June 2011)	Training	Russian Federation	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) prevention, diagnostics and response training provided to four Department of Agriculture scientists from Indonesia. (3-14 July 2011)	Training	Indonesia	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Visit from six member delegation from the National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standard (ACFS) led by the Secretary General for ACFS to exchange information. (18 July 2011)	Information	Thailand	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Study Tour to Canada by four officials from the National Veterinary Research & Quarantine Service (NVRQS) to gain information on veterinary biologics and genetics. (5 October 2011)	Information	South Korea	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Study tour to Canada on zoonotic diseases for eight participants from the Ministry of Health in Laos and the Ministry of Health, Disease Surveillance Bureau, and focal point for Risk Communication on Emerging Infectious Diseases for ASEAN in Cambodia. (24 October 2011)	Capacity building	Lao, People's Dem. Rep. and Cambodia	Bernadette.Ling@phac-aspc.gc.ca

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Animal Health	Study Tour to Canada by six officials from the Malaysia Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) to gain information on animal health genetics. (7 November 2011)	Information	Malaysia	Chris.Anderson@agr.gc.ca
Animal Health	Three scientists from Canada invited to speak, along with Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) experts from the US and Japan, participated in at an International Seminar on Prions held in Taipei. (15-18 November 2011)	Information	Chinese Taipei	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	One week training for four researchers from Kyrgyz Research Institute of Veterinary Medicine on rabies diagnostics at Ottawa Laboratory. (5-9 December 2011)	Training	Kyrgyzstan	Christine.Fehlner-Gardiner@inspection.gc.ca
Plant Health	Two officials from the Council of Agriculture of Taiwan visited with Seed Science and Technology Section (SSTS) Laboratory in Saskatoon to gain information on genetically modified organisms (GMO) detection, risk assessments of plants with novel traits and identification of seed-borne diseases. (24 October 2011)	Information	Chinese Taipei	Janine.Maruschak@inspection.gc.ca
Plant Health	Study tour on phytosanitary import inspection and controls for SENASA Plant Export Specialist from Chile. (4-8 December 2011)	Capacity building	Chile	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	One week training in <i>Trichinella sp.</i> diagnostics at the Centre for Food-Borne and Animal Parasitology Laboratory in Saskatoon for four government officials in the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. (10-14 January 2011)	Training	Viet Nam	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca

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Food Safety	One week study tour for eight participants from the Vietnamese government (Ministry of Health) and FAO regional office in Hanoi on Canada's Food Safety Inspection System. (14-18 February 2011)	Capacity Building	Viet Nam	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Information sharing on Canada's Food Import Control System at a two day workshop and international seminar on Food Import Control organized by the Food and Drug Administration in Taipei. (26 June – 1 July 2011)	Capacity Building	Chinese Taipei	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) regional food defence workshop held at Kasetsart University in conjunction with United States FDA and USDA, and participation of Canada, New Zealand, China, Philippines and Thailand as regulatory agencies sharing information on prevention of intentional contamination of a food supply. (19-21 September 2011)	Information	APEC members: Chile; China; Indonesia; Malaysia; Mexico; Papua New Guinea; Peru; Philippines; Russia; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; Viet Nam	Darren.Slevin@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health, Biosecurity & Food Safety	Five day visit to Canada by three senior officials from India's Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Forestry and Fisheries. The program provided an overview of Canada's veterinary inspection systems, biosecurity measures, surveillance and epidemiology programs, disease control and foreign animal disease measures to prevent introduction of disease, traceability program, food safety program, and artificial insemination program. (26-30 September 2011)	Capacity Building	India	verna.mitura@agr.gc.ca

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Animal Health & Food Safety	Study tour to Canada by three officials from South Korea's Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Animal, Plant and Fisheries Quarantine and Inspection Agency to gain information on Canada's Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) control systems and related components of the Canadian beef value chain. (24-28 July 2011)	Information	Republic of Korea	Carlos.Reyes@agr.gc.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health & Food Safety	Two day workshop in Canada with Standards Council of Canada (SCC) to train three Brazilian government officers in WTO notification and best practices in inter-departmental collaboration at the national level. (1-2 March 2011)	Capacity building	Brazil	aolvera@scc.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health & Food Safety	Financial contribution as a donor partner to the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) at the WTO to provide technical assistance to least developed and developing countries towards capacity building in sanitary and phytosanitary measures and SPS institutional strengthening through STDF funded project preparation grants, projects and the international coordination of information sharing activities in SPS capacity building. (2011 - 2014)	Funding	Global	Yvon.Marsolais@acdi-cida.gc.ca