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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

COMMUNICATION FROM CANADA

The following communication, received on 7 October 2016, is being 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 2015.¹ Technical assistance has been provided to developing and least developed 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 to developing and least developed countries in 2015. 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 CDN \$3.87 million between January and December 2015. 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 19 countries – in Africa, Latin America and 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. In all, 20 projects are listed for the period January to December 2015.

¹ Canada has provided technical assistance updates for 2014 (G/SPS/GEN/1426), 2013 (G/SPS/GEN/1342), 2012 (G/SPS/GEN/1318), 2011 (G/SPS/GEN/1196), 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).

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY CANADA
JANUARY 2015 - DECEMBER 2015**

Sector	Description of Particular Programme	Form of Assistance	Provided to	Contact
Animal Health	The Kazakh Committee of Veterinary Surveillance sent laboratory veterinarians for comparative studies on diagnostic tests for paratuberculosis at CFIA's Ottawa Animal Health laboratory. (24-27 March 2015)	Training	Kazakhstan	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Contribution to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) to support the implementation of, and attendance at, the OIE Seminar on New Diagnostic Technologies and International Standard Setting, held in conjunction with the meeting of the World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. (17 June 2015)	Funding	All eligible developing countries	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Technical presentations & information provided to representatives from the National Centre for Animal and Plant Health (CENSA) during a site visit and site audit as part of an OIE laboratory twinning project. (20-24 July 2015)	Training	Cuba	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Technical presentations provided to representatives from Saudi Arabia on animal disease control. (13 October 2015)	Information	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Capacity building training provided to expand technical expertise for the Diagnosis and Control of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) as part of an OIE laboratory twinning project to Cuba and the Caribbean region. (22 October - 17 December 2015)	Training	Cuba	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Contribution to the World Organisation for Animal Health/World Health Organization's "Global Conference on the Elimination of Dog-mediated Rabies" in Geneva Switzerland on 10-11 December 2015. (October 2015)	Funding	All eligible developing countries	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	The National Agricultural Products Quality Management Service (NAQS) in Korea met with the CFIA Traceability Unit as part of a study tour program to Canada on livestock (pig) traceability. (22 October 2015)	Information	Korea, Republic of	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca

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Animal Health	Technical presentations provided to representatives from the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) on Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and animal disease control. (26 November 2015)	Information	Chinese Taipei	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health	Technical presentations provided to representatives from Korea on animal disease control. (22 December 2015)	Information	Korea, Republic of	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Plant Health	Study tour to Canada by Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fish to review laboratory testing procedures for viruses in seed potatoes and phytosanitary certification program. (16-20 February 2015)	Training	Uruguay	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Plant Health	Funding provided to the Centre national de recherche agronomique and Université Nangui Abrogoua to develop a greater awareness of a coconut crop disease – "Côte d'Ivoire Lethal Yellowing Disease" and provide solutions and strategies to allow its control by authorities, policy makers, stakeholders and farmers. (August 2014 to February 2017)	Funding	Côte d'Ivoire	ibutare@idrc.ca
Plant Health	Study tour by delegation from National Agricultural Products Quality Management Service (NAQS) in Korea on plant breeder's rights. (21 September 2015)	Information	Korea, Republic of	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Study tour to Canada led by Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Republic of Vietnam to gain current information on Canada's food safety system. (8-13 April 2015)	Information	Viet Nam	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Video conference and information sharing with a delegation of Moroccan industry representatives on import requirements in specific commodity areas within CFIA's responsibilities. (3 June 2015)	Information	Morocco	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Teleconference with Jamaican food industry representatives to share information on potential and future impacts on food exports from Jamaica to Canada under the new food safety regulations. (28 July 2015)	Information	Jamaica	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca

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Food Safety	Seminar on Export Readiness, Safe Food for Canadians Act and potential impacts on exporters in Latin America and the Caribbean. (28 September 2015)	Information	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Video conference on import requirements for agri-food products from Honduras. (14 September 2015)	Information	Honduras	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Food Safety	Funding to the National Institute of Nutrition under Ministry of Health Vietnam to scale up successful initiatives that use locally grown crops for ready-to-use therapeutic foods and fortified complementary foods. (November 2015 to March 2018)	Funding	Viet Nam	AWesley@idrc.ca
Plant Health and Food Safety	Training provided to African Regulators and their scientific experts to actively participate in regulatory processes governing genetically modified crops (Plants with novel traits), and to learn the role of administrators, regulators, risk assessors and inspectors in how to effectively implement GMO regulations. (23 November – 23 December 2015)	Training	Burkina Faso	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health and Food Safety	Information exchange on Canada's notification process as part of Bolivia's process of reviewing their international trade program including strengthening their SPS Enquiry Point and regulation process. (16 November 2015)	Information	Bolivia, Plurinational State of	Rolf.Schoenert@inspection.gc.ca