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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

### COMMUNICATION FROM CANADA

The following communication, received on 10 October 2018, 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 2017.<sup>1</sup> 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 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 2017. 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 \$12.58 million between January and December 2017. 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 42 countries – in Africa, Eastern Europe, 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, 29 projects are listed for the period January to December 2017. Some of the projects listed are multi-year projects; however, projects are only reported once and generally in the year in which the project is initiated unless subsequent funded project extensions occur.

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<sup>1</sup> Canada has provided technical assistance updates for 2016 (G/SPS/GEN/1584), 2015 (G/SPS/GEN/1522), 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 - DECEMBER 2017**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Description of Particular Programme</b>	<b>Form of Assistance</b>	<b>Provided to</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Animal Health	Training provided on diagnostics and viral characterization of rabies, scrapies and chronic wasting disease to scientists from the Centre for Animal Disease Diagnostics. (May 2017)	Training	Peru	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca
Animal Health	Study tour on slaughter inspection and surveillance. (June 2017)	Information	Korea, Republic of	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca
Animal Health	Questionnaire on inspection systems. (June 2017)	Information	Korea, Republic of	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca
Animal Health	Technical expertise and speaker at a World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Regional Workshop on facilitating trade. (August 2017)	Training	Argentina + 25 OIE member countries in the Americas	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca
Animal Health	Training provided on risk analysis, risk assessment, risk communication, and risk management to animal health technical experts. (November 2017)	Training	Mexico	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca
Animal Health	Engineered vaccines against hemorrhagic septicemia in ruminants. Lead institution is the University of Calgary. Partner institutions are the University of Toronto, University of Saskatchewan, National Vaccine Institute (NVI) and Armauer Hansen Research Institute in Ethiopia, and the National Centre for Animal Health in Bhutan. Training is occurring with veterinarians and lab staff at the partner institutions. (March 2017)	Training	Bhutan, Ethiopia	Ktiessen@idrc.ca
Animal Health	Training for staff and post-doctorate fellows from the Institut Pasteur de Tunis (IPT) in Tunisia and the National Vaccine Institute (NVI) in Ethiopia on a non-replicative adenovirus vaccine platform for poultry diseases. (March 2017)	Training	Ethiopia, Tunisia	Ktiessen@idrc.ca
Animal Health	A project aimed to refine and field test novel livestock vaccines for viral diseases in Africa, including Lumpy Skin Disease, Rift Valley Fever, African Swine Fever, and others. This project was part of the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF) initiative. (March 2017)	Technical/ Scientific Support	Kenya, South Africa	Frank.Schneider@international.gc.ca

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Animal Health	A project aimed to develop a vaccine prototype for Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, a bacterial respiratory disease in cattle that has serious economic and trade consequences for African nations. This project was part of the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF) initiative. (March 2017)	Technical/ Scientific Support	Kenya	Frank.Schneider@international.gc.ca
Food Safety	Study Tour to understand organizational structure of the Canadian competent authority to inform and redesign the organizational structure of the competent authority under a new proposed food safety system in Nigeria. (January 2017)	Information	Nigeria	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca
Food Safety	Technical cooperation mission conducted under offshore preventive control activities to mitigate non-compliance of imported food products. (February 2017)	Information	India	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca
Food Safety	Information related to national food contaminants monitoring program in Canada. (March 2017)	Information	Mauritius	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca
Food Safety	Information on Canadian authority, regulations and procedures in sampling of imported food items. (March 2017)	Information	Dubai	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca
Food Safety	Information on best practices in understanding Canada's food safety system. (April 2017)	Information	Indonesia	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca
Food Safety	Information shared on laboratory management and operation of a national laboratory network. (April 2017)	Information	India	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca
Food Safety	Strengthen the capacity of CARICOM National Codex Offices: To improve their organizational structure, operating frameworks and governance. (June 2017)	Training	CARICOM	Steven.savoury@canada.ca
Food Safety	To share information on agricultural products from the Ukraine and inform on other issues related to the implementation of the Canada-Ukraine free trade agreement. (November 2017)	Information	Ukraine	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca
Food Safety	Training in a workshop to increase awareness and knowledge of Canada's food safety and surveillance system on the margins of a Regional INFOSAN meeting with CARICOM members in Miami. (November 2017)	Training	CARICOM	Rolf.Schoenert@canada.ca

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Food Safety	Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) technical training seminar to help developing countries and emerging economies participation in global work related to scientific advice for maximum residue levels (MRLs) for pesticides. (April 2017)	Funding	Developing countries in Latin America (IICA members)	Brent.Wilson@canada.ca
Food Safety	Inclusion of phytosanitary requirements as pertains to exporting food to Canada in seminars delivered to Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs), Exporters and Trade Support Institutions through the Canadian Market Access and Capacity Building Services Project. (April 2017)	Information	Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Chile; Colombia; Ecuador; Egypt; Jordan; Mexico; Peru; Sri Lanka; Tunisia	Frank.Schneider@international.gc.ca
Food Safety	Inclusion of phytosanitary requirements as pertains to exporting food to Canada in seminars delivered to Canadian-based trade representatives through the Canadian Market Access and Capacity Building Services Project. (April 2017)	Information	Afghanistan, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Viet Nam	Frank.Schneider@international.gc.ca
Food Safety	Webinars delivered to Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Trade Support Institutions through the Canadian Market Access and Capacity Building Services Project. (April 2017)	Information	Participants from developing countries	Frank.Schneider@international.gc.ca
Food Safety	Market Entry Studies containing information pertaining to phytosanitary regulations through the Canadian Market Access and Capacity Building Services Project. (April 2017)	Information	Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Cambodia; Nicaragua; Philippines	Frank.Schneider@international.gc.ca
Food Safety	Trade Facilitation Office (TFO) Canada online platform regarding phytosanitary requirements, regulations and Market Information Papers through the Canadian Market Access and Capacity Building Services Project. (April 2017)	Information online and links to regulations	Downloaded by thousands of SMEs from developing countries	Frank.Schneider@international.gc.ca

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Animal Health & Food Safety	Funding to Veterinarians Without Borders (VWB), to support volunteer advisor assignments to: (1) small scale farmers on producing more and better food from livestock; (2) work with local partners to help create integrated animal health systems and; (3) help build local capacity in care and management of animal health. (April 2017)	Training/ Technical Support	Ghana, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tanzania, Uganda, Viet Nam	Frank.Schneider@international.gc.ca
Animal Health & Food Safety	Training sessions presented by volunteer agricultural advisors to improve the productivity and profitability of family farms in these countries while strengthening the performance and governance of the organizations that support them. (April 2017)	Training	Benin; Bolivia, Plurinational State of; Burkina Faso; El Salvador; Haiti; Senegal	Frank.Schneider@international.gc.ca
Plant Health & Food Safety	Support to the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) to assist developing countries and emerging economies in Latin America and the Caribbean to participate in global work related to scientific advice for maximum residue levels (MRLs) for pesticides. (November 2017)	Training	IICA member developing countries	Brent.Wilson@canada.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health & Food Safety	Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) Codex Trust Fund contribution to assist developing countries and countries in transition to strengthen their capacity to fully participate in CODEX. (April 2017)	Funding	Includes WTO Member developing countries	Brent.Wilson@canada.ca
Animal Health, Plant Health & Food Safety	Contribution to World Trade Organization (WTO) – Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) to improve regulatory and technical capacity development and use of standards to facilitate trade. (April 2017)	Funding	Includes WTO Member developing countries	Brent.Wilson@canada.ca