

ORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS LINES

The Department has three Ministers: the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister for International Trade and the Minister for International Cooperation and la Francophonie. The responsibilities of the Ministers extend beyond this Department: for example, the Minister of Foreign Affairs is also responsible for the International Development Research Centre, the International Joint Commission, and the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development.

The Minister for International Trade is responsible for the Export Development Corporation, the Canadian Commercial Corporation and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Secretariat, while the Minister for International Cooperation is also responsible for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

In addition, the Department has two Secretaries of State; one for the Asia-Pacific region and one for Latin America and Africa.

The implementation of the Department's mandate and the management of its programs and operations is organized along the eight functional Business Lines outlined in the Department's 1997-1998 Main Estimates, as presented to Parliament by the Minister in February 1997.

FIGURE 1: THE DEPARTMENT'S BUSINESS LINES AND PRINCIPAL CLIENTS/BENEFICIARIES

Business Lines	Principal Clients/ Beneficiaries
<p>1. International Business Development Creating jobs and prosperity in Canada by encouraging Canadian firms to take full advantage of international business opportunities and by facilitating investment and technology flow.</p>	<p>Canadian exporters and export-ready firms Investors and investment-seeking firms Workers in the export sector Provincial governments and municipalities</p>
<p>2. Trade and Economic Policy Increasing Canada's prosperity by effectively managing Canada's trading relationships and liberalizing trade and capital flows around the world, based on clear and equitable rules.</p>	<p>Canadian exporters, export-ready firms and workers in the international sector of the economy Canadian importers and consumers Canadian firms and workers in vulnerable and sensitive sectors Investors and investment-seeking firms Provincial governments</p>