

The 2013–2014 Annual Report on Canada's Network provides details, statistics and important information about Canada's Network and the resources in place to carry out Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada's (DFATD) mandate with regard to common service delivery abroad. It serves as a reference document and as a baseline, as at March 31, 2014, for analysis and reporting, for DFATD as well as for its partners and co-locators.

OVERVIEW OF CANADA'S NETWORK

Canada's Network is an invaluable whole-of-government asset essential to Canada's engagement with the world. It consists of a consolidation of infrastructure, resources, assets and services and enables the Government of Canada to effectively serve Canadians as well as advance the country's political and economic interests, and those related to development, in a constantly changing world. The Network also contributes to the ability of DFATD's partners and co-locators to achieve their strategic objectives.

Common services at mission include human resources (HR), property, material, Foreign Service Directives (FSDs) and financial management, as well as information management and technology (IM/IT), contracting and procurement, and security services. It also includes general administrative services such as transportation, diplomatic mail, distribution, reception and protocol.

During 2013–2014, Canada had 174 missions located in 107¹ countries. Two new missions were opened, in Juba (South Sudan) and Baghdad (Iraq), while none were closed. Canada had a combined total of 7,490 Canada-based staff (CBS) and locally engaged staff (LES) positions abroad, with the most populous missions in New Delhi, Beijing, Washington, D.C., London and Mexico City.

In addition to 174 missions, Canada operated several points of service. These included 107 consulates (headed by honorary consuls) providing consular assistance to Canadians and six trade offices in China (operated by the Canadian Commercial Corporation). In 16 Asia-Pacific cities, consular assistance was provided on DFATD's behalf by 15 Australian high commissions or consulates and one Swedish embassy.

Two Regional Service Centres (RSCs) and 12 Common Service Delivery Points (CSDPs) supported the delivery of common services.

Canada's Network also included the Trade Commissioner Service (TCS), which operated out of regional and satellite offices in Canada.

CANADA'S MISSIONS ABROAD

The location and number of missions, as well as the level and nature of resources dedicated to the Network abroad, may vary from one year to another, based on current international and domestic realities as well as on the Government of Canada's evolving priorities.

Figure 1 lists the cities and countries where missions abroad are located. They are listed by region.



*The High Commission of Canada to Bangladesh
Courtesy of ARBC*

¹ The total number of countries does not include Taiwan nor the West Bank and Gaza, but includes the Holy See (Vatican) and Burma (interim operations).