

- Israel Patent Office which is attached to Ministry of Justice non-governmental R&D policy-making organizations
- Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- Council for Higher Education

KEY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Through the National Council for Research and Development, Israel has established scientific co-operation at governmental levels with more than 20 countries and regional international organizations.

Key Support Programs are:

- Exchange of scientists and convening of scientists' conferences
- Extensive programs of co-operative research. Such programs are underway between Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany, the US, France and the European Community
- Israel's international development co-operation program quote Masmav unquote, a division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Its activities include training, research, projects, institutional support and other forms of technology transfer to developing countries
- Bi-national research funds for joint R&D (e.g. USA, Israel Bi-national Science Foundation, Bard-USA, Israel Binational, agricultural research and development, BIRD-Israel - USA Bi-national Industrial R&D Foundation, GIF-German - Israel Foundation for Scientific R&D)

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

Canada and Israel signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for joint R&D in 1986. The MOU is between NRC and the office of the chief scientist of the Ministry of Trade in Israel.

Foreign firms and organizations wishing to collaborate will find very willing partners in Israel, both in industry and in academic institutions. There are abundant technologies available seeking international partners for further development and marketing.

TECHNOLOGICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIANS

Within the framework of the MOU for joint R&D, a fertile ground has been established for co-operation between Canadian and Israeli firms. The following sectors offer opportunities for technology transfer: telecommunications, optronics, electro-optical, tactical electronic equipment, composite materials, biotechnology, genetic engineering, medical electronics, and agricultural technologies.

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