

ENGAGING CANADIANS IN DEVELOPMENT

Canada's development cooperation program will work with Canadian organizations that can effectively contribute to the goal of poverty reduction. Through initiatives such as Canada Corps and other elements of the development cooperation program, the Government will devote significantly more resources and creative effort to encourage Canadians to join this endeavour and will leverage their expertise and skills to maximize the benefits of Canadian aid dollars.

CANADA CORPS

In 2004, the Government established Canada Corps as a new vehicle to strengthen Canada's contribution to human rights, democracy and good governance internationally.

Canada Corps will develop collaborative partnerships across government, NGOs, the private sector, and with Canadian citizens to bring greater engagement, expertise, coherence and recognition to Canadian governance interventions abroad.

Canada Corps will:

- **mobilize Canadians of all ages and backgrounds**, channelling the experience and expertise of a wide variety of governance experts from the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, combined with the energy, enthusiasm and new ideas of younger generations. Building on the excellent foundation laid by Canada's

organizations active in this field, and working with these organizations, this approach will allow for partnerships with countries while allowing Canadians to experience the richness of global experiences;

- **transform existing programming**, by drawing together the many private and public sector actors to promote greater coherence in governance projects;
- **engage and communicate with Canadians**, by establishing outreach programs to promote dialogue and awareness, as well as a single point of contact for Canadians looking for information or opportunities to work or volunteer abroad on governance-related projects; Canada Corps participants will be encouraged on their return to be domestic ambassadors, using their experience to stimulate interest in Canada's global citizenship;
- **expand the base of knowledge** and best practices in governance, through research, analysis and sharing of knowledge among Canadians working in and interested in governance; and
- **brand a common identity** for Canadian excellence in governance.

In coordination with the Stabilization and Reconstruction Taskforce ("START" led by Foreign Affairs), Canada Corps will enhance its capacity to deploy governance expertise from within and outside of government. This



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Members of the Canada Corps election observer mission toss their hats in support of democracy in Ukraine.