

of macro-economics, bio-diversity, technological change, alcohol abuse and tropical disease. Overall, IDRC seeks to assist sustainable development. IDRC is in regular contact with Mexico's CONACYT (National Council for Science and Technology), however each project is typically governed by a distinct agreement. IDRC's Mexican connection has recently been strengthened by the addition of ex-President Miguel de la Madrid to its Board of Governors.

Most recently, IDRC has gained responsibility for the Canadian government funded Model Forests programme and cooperates with various levels of the Mexican government, notably the Ministry of the Environment (SEMARNAP). Model Forests have been established in the states of Chihuahua and Campeche.

The possibility of SRE sending an officer on secondment to CIDA is being examined, as are options for SRE/CIDA cooperation on projects in third world countries.