



A mechanical systems engineer on board HMCS *St. John's* delivers humanitarian aid to a local citizen in Port au Prince, Haiti in September 2008

Canada's engagement in the Americas is guided by its vision, and is advanced through these collaborative instruments. Throughout this report are examples of Canada's engagement in the Americas. They are intended to demonstrate how Canada is making progress on the government's vision for the Americas through the right mix of bilateral, multilateral and partnership instruments, to ensure effective, meaningful results. Rather than being exhaustive, they are illustrative. Consult the Annex for a more detailed listing of Canada's activities, or visit www.americas.gc.ca.



Minister of State of Foreign Affairs (Americas) Peter Kent, with OAS Secretary General José Miguel Insulza

Instruments and capacity

- Outside the United States and Mexico, Canada has 27 embassies, high commissions and offices in the Americas.
- The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) disbursed \$492.1 million in development assistance in the Americas in 2007-2008. Major recent commitments for assistance include a \$600 million investment over 10 years in the Caribbean, focused on governance and private sector development.
- The International Development Research Centre (IDRC), a Crown corporation, currently supports approximately 160 active projects with partners in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- More than 80 Canadian universities and colleges have academic agreements with partner institutions in the region to promote exchanges among students.