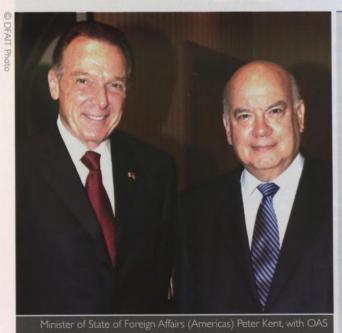


Canada's engagement in the Americas is guided by its vision, and is advanced through these collaborative instruments. Throughout this report are examples of Canada's engagement in the Americas. They are intended to demonstrate how Canada is making progress on the government's vision for the Americas 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.



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.