

contribute \$1.7 million to the final, three-year phase. The Costa Rican government will contribute \$2.7 million through the Official Development Assistance Debt Conversion Initiative.

- A \$5 million telecommunications project (ICE Telecom II), is expanding and modernizing telecommunications services in rural communities, generating funding for social programming and promoting stronger commercial links with Canadian firms.
- In 1995-96, the Canada Fund extended support to 12 small projects targeting marginalized communities.
- Planned bilateral programming includes the new \$15 million Costa Rica Productive Sector Modernization Program to provide Costa Rica with Canadian environmentally sound technologies and related skills.
- Partnership programs receiving CIDA support include projects, some of which are multi-country, undertaken by various non-governmental agencies, including the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Codevelopment Canada, Horizons of Friendship, World Wildlife Fund Canada and Fallsbrook Centre.
- Non-governmental institutions (NGIs) are also active in Costa Rica and receive CIDA support for projects providing advice on the enforcement of environmental law, for various education-related projects including the development of a co-operative master's program, and for short-term technical assistance provided by Canadian Executive Services Organization. An additional seven NGI multi-country projects supported by CIDA are active in Costa Rica.
- The Industrial Co-operation program promotes business linkages and technology transfer. It currently supports projects in a broad range of sectors including mining, agriculture, energy, industry, forestry and transportation. In 1995-96, funding for these seven projects totalled about \$1 million.
- The International Development Research Centre is involved in 13 projects in Costa Rica, with funding of \$2.5 million. Projects focus on areas of biodiversity, information systems and environmental management, improvement of water and agricultural systems, agroforestry, health services, and women in development.
- Total Canadian overseas development aid disbursements for 1994-95 through all channels, including multilateral agencies and international financial institutions, are estimated at \$4.78 million.