

EAMIP PROJECT NO. GB03

Policy and Resource Review Prototype

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PRESENT SITUATION:

The policy and resource review of one segment of a region - Africa south of the Sahara - was initiated in the fall of 1983. The review is to examine:

1. Current situation and future trends.
2. Canada's interests and objectives.
3. Current policy, programs and mechanisms.
4. Options for the future.
5. Financial implications.

To date steps one and two have been completed in draft, and are being reviewed with the Undersecretary. In addition to providing substantive recommendations on policy and resource application in this region the study is meant to serve as an example of how other regions or parts of regions may be reviewed. It is hoped that a decision-making mechanism for the department can be drawn from the experience in this study and other work associated with it. In parallel with the Africa review, the Corporate Planning and Evaluation Divisions will develop a prototype information system for decision-making over the longer run in cooperation with the project team. The result of the CML and CME work will be a statistical input model for geographical policy reviews. In the same period, the Policy Development Secretariat (CPD) will develop a set of criteria aimed at planning the allocation of resources between countries and regions. CPD will also develop a discussion paper on a possible approach to doing a policy and resource review of all regions in the 1984-85 fiscal year. These reviews would be less in-depth than the Africa study but would be aimed at producing better information for planning and resource allocation decisions in the February-March 1985 discussions in Executive Committee.

OBJECTIVE:

To establish a prototype for the way in which geographic policy and resource reviews can be conducted in DEA.

To analyze Canada's interests in Africa south of the Sahara, determine our objectives for the next fifteen years and establish a long term policy.

To recommend changes in specific policies and programs, and the resulting changes in resource requirements.

GOAL:

To complete this policy and resource review by May and determine its usefulness as a prototype for further reviews in the department.