

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNSELLORS' FUNCTIONS

I. S&T Policy and Program Monitoring and Reporting

Objective: Contribute to Canada's S&T policy and program formulation by maintaining an up to date intelligence scan of S&T issues in the host country.

- Conduct pro-active research in their host country on S&T activities, priorities, trends and areas of strength. Fully exercise their own initiative to this end, and report to appropriate clients and to TBR for further dissemination.
- Provide insights on the host government's bilateral and multilateral positions on S&T issues to facilitate the development of Canada's international strategies.
- Liaise with foreign officials and S&T multilateral organizations, acting as the official senior S&T representative on behalf of Canada and as a key point of contact at the post on Canada's bilateral and multilateral S&T agreements.
- Provide S&T advice to TBR, SBDAs through the Tasking Group, and colleagues at their posts, in response to specific requests.

II. Promotion of S&T Collaboration

Objective: Foster S&T partnerships of Canadian governmental institutions, the academic community and the business sector, with their counterparts in the host country.

- Identify collaborative opportunities, key contacts, and recent developments in the market and policies of the host country, and report on them to the client base of the S&T program.
- Cultivate close working relationships with key departments and research organizations of their host country and their Canadian counterparts to promote the expansion of collaboration.
- Organize visits and missions of senior S&T officials to and from Canada in priority areas.
- Highlight Canada's scientific and technological capabilities within their host country by profiling Canadian governmental and university research excellence and its business R&D sector.