GOVERNANCE AND MONITORING PROGRESS



Monitoring visits are essential to project management.

Canada's Global Partnership Program (GPP) benefits from wide governmental and non-governmental inputs. The Program functions within a comprehensive legal framework and stringent project management and financial accountability.

Domestically, the GPP operates on a whole-of-government basis, involving over two dozen federal departments and agencies. The senior-level interdepartmental Global Partnership Advisory Group (GPAG) provides broad policy oversight and guidance. The Science, Technology and Trade Advisory Group (STTAG) ensures that projects involving the redirection of former weapons scientists reflect domestic R&D priorities and needs.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

To operate effectively and control risks, a comprehensive legal framework has been put in place. The bilateral Canada/Russia Agreement Concerning Cooperation on the Destruction of Chemical Weapons, the Dismantlement of Decommissioned Nuclear Submarines and Nuclear and Radioactive Material Protection, Control and Accountancy is an umbrella agreement that ensures that cooperation meets Canada's legal and policy requirements, including those involving safety and environmental protection. It contains strict monitoring, access, transparency, taxation, liability and intellectual property rights (IPR) provisions. At the operating level, many projects have their own implementing agreement or arrangement. Other delivery channels used are multilateral agreements, other countries' bilateral agreements and third-party arrangements.

STEWARDSHIP AND PROBITY

A comprehensive network of policies, frameworks and reviews ensures the integrity of the GPP and that the highest standards of project management, stewardship and accountability are met, underpinning Canada's continuing ability to be a Global Partnership leader.