

2. Functional divisions, which are concerned with policy formulation and coordination of departmental operations as they relate to major functions or activities common to all geographical areas.

3. Administrative and operational support divisions, which provide advice and support services to posts and to other headquarters divisions and which, in some cases, carry out certain specialized functions of their own.

The function of each of these divisions is described very briefly in the paragraphs that follow.

The six geographical divisions - African and Middle Eastern, Commonwealth, European, Far Eastern, Latin American, and U.S.A. - have a responsibility for coordinating and advising other divisions and senior departmental personnel on various aspects of Canadian policy with respect to the countries and geographical areas under their jurisdiction.

The United Nations Division is responsible for providing advice on matters relating to Canadian participation in and policy towards the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and for coordinating the work of other divisions of the Department and other departments of government in this connection.

The Information Division is responsible for conveying to the people of other countries a knowledge and understanding of Canada and the Canadian people and for providing information on Canada's external policy and on the work of the Department of External Affairs.