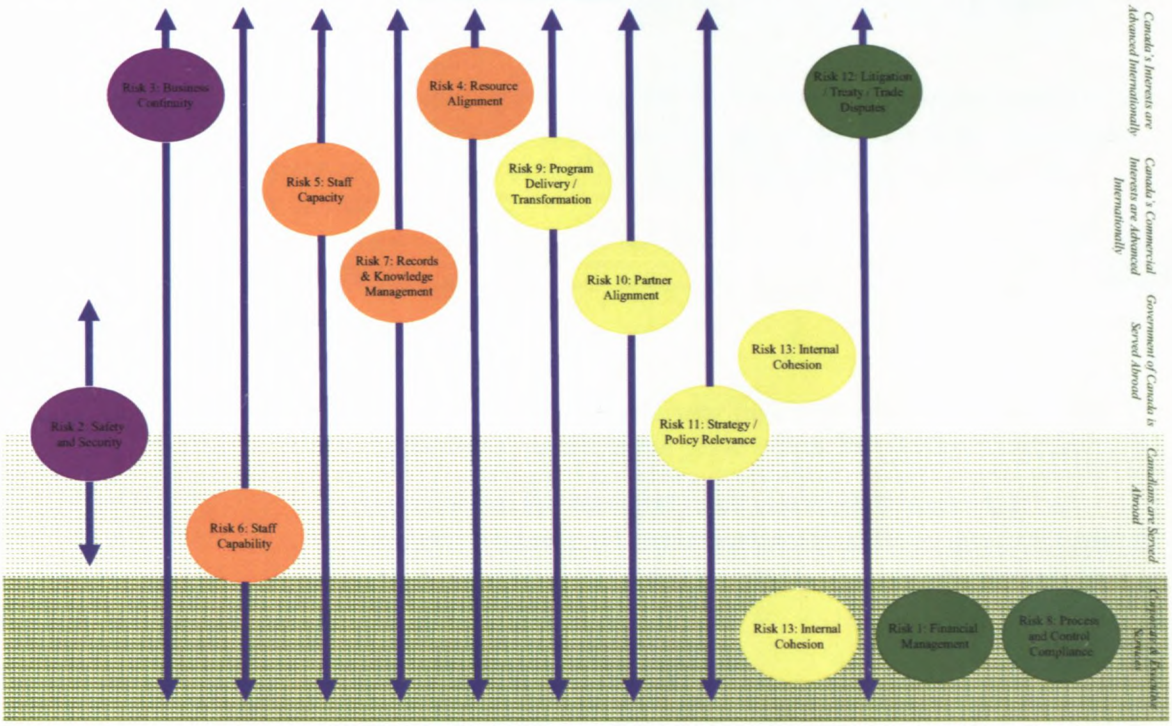
2.3 KEY RISK THEMES

The thirteen risks comprising DFAIT's corporate risk profile can be grouped into four themes. These thematic groupings and the link to strategic objectives provide management with a visual representation in the figure below of the information contained in the risk list.



Theme One: Asset Management

The first theme reflects DFAIT's ability to manage its assets. The four risks that fall within this theme are Risk 4: Resource Alignment, Risk 5: Staff Capacity, Risk 6: Staff Capability, and Risk 7: Records and Knowledge Management.

Theme Two: Preparedness

The preparedness theme is focused upon DFAIT's ability to respond to and recover from negative, unplanned events and emergency situations. The two risks that fall within this theme are Risk 2: Safety and Security, and Risk 3: Business Continuity.

Theme Three: Compliance

Theme three captures those risks that have to do with the potential for error or non-compliance and the associated consequences. The risks that fit within this theme are Risk 1: Financial Management, Risk 8: Process and Control Compliance, and Risk 12: Litigation / Treaty / Trade Disputes.