

- supporting APEC's economic and technical cooperation work in areas such as the New Economy and Gender Integration.

Recent Canadian Accomplishments in APEC

- CIDA launched an APEC Economic Integration Program, which allocates \$9 million over five years to help Southeast Asian economies to improve their ability to understand and implement WTO agreements.
- Within the APEC -WTO Capacity Building Group, which Canada co-chairs, Canada developed a Web site to help better coordinate all WTO-related technical assistance within APEC: www.apec-trta.org
- In 2001, 2002 and 2003, Canada organized WTO capacity-building workshops on financial services and on telecommunications services.
- A 2002 World Bank study, coordinated by Canada, entitled *The Economic Impact of Trade Facilitation Measures: A Development Perspective in the Asia-Pacific Region*, illustrates the economic impact of trade facilitation, indicating that improvements in trade facilitation could increase trade in the APEC region by \$420 billion.
- Canada organized two capacity-building workshops for APEC economies on trade facilitation, one in Singapore in 2000, and the other in Bangkok in 2002.
- For several years, Canada has been at the forefront of efforts to encourage greater interaction of APEC with non-governmental organizations (NGOs). In 2002, APEC endorsed new guidelines on non-member participation, making it easier for business, academia, and NGOs to participate in the work of APEC.
- Canada is very active in the field of biotechnology within APEC. Canada hosted a biotechnology workshop in 2000, and co-hosted workshops in 2001 and 2002.

