



The CFTC provides support for education and on-the-job training in other Commonwealth countries for those students selected by their own governments through its Management Training Services Program.

Through its Export Market Development Program, the CFTC is able to provide support to initiatives in promotion, marketing, credit assurance, the organization of trade fairs and missions, market surveys, training for trade negotiations and export regulations, and the adaptation of goods for export. In so doing, the CFTC is encouraging developing Commonwealth countries to expand their export volumes and increase foreign exchange earnings.

A related program, the Industrial Development Unit, provides advice on particular industrial ventures. It has supported initiatives ranging from a wooden furniture factory in Ghana to medical units in Guyana.

Working through the CFTC, Canadians have served as experts throughout the Commonwealth, providing advice in such diverse areas as wildlife management in Cyprus and petroleum technology in Sri Lanka.

At the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Vancouver in 1987, CIDA agreed to contribute \$1 million over two years to the Special Commonwealth Fund for Mozambique. Even though Mozambique is not part of the Commonwealth, member countries agreed on the need to demonstrate solidarity with a country that is surrounded by Commonwealth neighbours and that is a cornerstone in the struggle against apartheid.

The CFTC provides technical assistance to Mozambique for the development of human and natural resources, improvements to transportation and fisheries, and the rehabilitation of existing industrial plants and equipment.

Similarly, at the Kuala Lumpur CHOGM in 1989, Canada announced its commitment to a five-year project of CFTC training and technical assistance to the newly independent state of Namibia. Canada has contributed \$3 million to this \$14 million undertaking.

Commonwealth of Learning

A Canadian-sponsored initiative at the 1987 CHOGM led to the establishment of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), a separate multilateral agency based in Vancouver. COL, the first Commonwealth agency to be based outside Britain, was designed to widen access to education by expanding and improving distance education techniques.

Canada pledged \$12 million over five years, of which \$5 million came from CIDA, \$5 million came from the British Columbia government and \$2 million came from the federal Department of Communications.

In summer 1993, an independent committee reviewed the progress of COL and awarded high marks to the agency for its excellent program delivery.

Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan

The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan enables students of high intellectual promise the opportunity to pursue studies and research in another Commonwealth country. Under the Canadian component of this prestigious plan, 3288 scholars and 186 fellows held awards in Canada, and 1328 Canadians studied abroad during the period of 1962 to 1992. In any one year, approximately 1500 Commonwealth scholars are studying abroad under the plan. In 1992-93, the Canadian government provided \$9.6 million to the program.