

ELECTIONS

Major Interlocutors

Canada

Elections Canada
DFAIT

Mexico

Federal Electoral Institute (IFE)

Extent and Mechanisms of Cooperation

Elections Canada and IFE are currently in the process of negotiating a bilateral cooperation agreement. The aim of this agreement is to formalise the commitment of both countries jointly to seek new ways of enhancing electoral processes.

Elections Canada offers international electoral assistance either by participating in multilateral programs sponsored by international organisations or by acting in response to requests from foreign governments to DFAIT and CIDA. Cooperation between Mexico's Federal Electoral Institute (IFE) and Elections Canada dates from April 1993, when a group of IFE officials attended a five-day training course at the HQ of Elections Canada. Over the course of the following year, Chief Electoral Officer Jean-Pierre Kingsley established a close working relationship with IFE, and led the Canadian delegation to the First International Trilateral Conference on Electoral Systems (April 1994, Mexico City). Later in the same year, Mr. Kingsley attended the Presidential elections as an international visitor. In 1995, Elections Canada hosted a Second Trilateral Conference in Ottawa.

In January 1996 Mr. Kingsley paid a two-week working visit to Mexico.