Governance

Domestically, the GPP benefits from wide governmental and non-governmental inputs, from over two dozen federal departments and agencies. The senior-level interdepartmental Global Partnership Advisory Group (GPAG) provides broad policy oversight and guidance. The STTAG ensures that projects involving the redirection of former weapons scientists reflect domestic R&D priorities and needs. As well, expertise from various government departments, as well as from civil society organizations, benefits the Program.

Internationally, the Global Partnership Working Group (GPWG), chaired by the current G8 President, regularly brings together all 23 participants in the Global Partnership to review implementation, coordinate activities, exchange experiences and identify opportunities for cooperation. Detailed information about the activities of individual Global Partnership countries can be found in the Reports on the G8 Global Partnership (http://g8.gc.ca). The Group has agreed to the geographic expansion of the Partnership in order to deal with the worldwide challenge of a spread of weapons and materials of mass destruction, while continuing efforts in countries of the FSU.

Partnerships

A defining feature of the Global Partnership is the many partnerships that have been created. Since it was launched at the 2002 G8 Summit in Kananaskis, over a dozen countries have joined as donors, providing funds and engaging in project activities directly or jointly. The Global Partnership has matured and evolved since its inception, becoming a unique multilateral cooperative endeavour aimed at combatting shared threats to national and international security. It has become a true partnership, with countries cooperating in projects in all areas, as described elsewhere in this report.

The Global Partnership has come to represent a significant element of Canada's overall bilateral relationship with the Russian Federation, where Canada is commended for its exemplary efforts, and cited as a model. The GPP is also an important part of Canada's international security cooperation with the U.S. and other countries. It is recognized for achieving tangible results and making a difference.