

administration of justice for children and youth in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda by providing legal training to 601 legal professionals and community representatives; and contributed to labour reforms in El Salvador and Nicaragua that better address violence against women and protect marginalized groups, including workers in the informal sector.

Engaging Canadians in International Development

The 2015 Civil Society Partnership Policy builds on existing initiatives, notably the Global Citizens Program, which supports active Canadian participation in development through public awareness, education and knowledge exchange, and youth participation.

Over the past five years, the Volunteer Cooperation Program has funded a number of Canadian volunteer cooperation agencies, resulting in the mobilization of approximately 11,000 volunteers (the vast majority of them Canadian) in support of Canada's development priorities overseas. International volunteering has enabled Canadians to share their knowledge, experience and values with developing-country actors and learn from their counterparts in return. These exchanges have also led to increased awareness in Canada of the challenges and results being achieved across the developing world. A new Volunteer Cooperation Program call for proposals worth \$300 million was launched in 2014–2015, leading to approval of funding for 12 new volunteer cooperation initiatives.

This past year, DFATD's International Youth Internship Program and International Aboriginal Youth Internships initiative collectively funded 759 internships with 22 Canadian organizations. These programs provide Canadian youth with employment experience in international development and an opportunity to develop skills in order to motivate them to continue their studies, gain employment in the field and/or continue their engagement in international development. Two new calls for proposals, worth more than \$16 million, were conducted in 2014–2015, generating over 60 proposals. Twenty-seven of these proposals have been approved and will start receiving funding in 2015–2016.

Canada's support for the eight provincial and regional councils for international cooperation⁶ helps reach more than a million Canadians every year through a range of public engagement activities that are aimed at increasing awareness of, and involvement in, international development. In 2014–2015, the councils reached Canadians through International Development Week 2015 and other outreach activities. In 2014–2015, DFATD provided funding for the councils until 2019, including its most recent partner, the Northern Council for Global Cooperation, which ensures that Canadians in the North working in international development have a voice.

CANADA'S ENGAGEMENT IN MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS

Multilateral organizations play a key role in fostering international development cooperation. Canada's involvement in several international governing bodies enables us to advocate for and promote effective delivery and positive results. Additionally, our participation contributes to effective consensus building on critical issues and provides opportunities to promote commonly shared values such as democracy and respect for human rights.

Below is a summary of some of Canada's whole-of-government key contributions to these organizations. Other results achieved are highlighted throughout the thematic priorities chapters above.

Canada's Contribution to the World Bank

In 2014–2015, Canada provided a total of \$934.4 million in grant support to the World Bank Group to achieve results in all of the government's development priority areas. The World Bank Group is one of Canada's most important international development partners and is ranked among the top multilateral organizations by several independent reports. Canada's continued support to the World Bank Group is an integral part of our commitment to enhance our aid efficiency and accountability.

A significant portion of this contribution (\$883.2 million) was provided as core support to the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank Group institution focused on helping the world's poorest countries. IDA offers grants and concessional loans to low-income countries and provides grants to fragile and conflict-affected states and other countries at risk of debt distress. All IDA funding is provided to governments with appropriate environmental, financial and human rights safeguards in place.

Canada's contribution in 2014–2015 consisted of two separate payments to IDA:

- In April 2014, the last of three payments (\$441.6 million) was made under the IDA16 Replenishment process.
- In January 2015, the first of three annual payments (\$441.6 million) was made under the IDA17 Replenishment process.

Canada's annual contribution to IDA has not changed. The total increase in the government's contribution to IDA reflects a change in the timing of Canada's annual payments from April to January. This change in payment timing has no budgetary impact. Once the 2014–2015 transition year is over, the DFATD's contribution to IDA will return to \$441.6 million per year for the rest of the IDA17 Replenishment period.

IDA is currently in its 17th operating cycle, with the current work program running from July 2014 until June 2017. The latest replenishment negotiations, held last year, were an important opportunity for Canada to

⁶ Namely the [Alberta Council for Global Cooperation](#), [Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale](#), [Atlantic Council for International Cooperation](#), [BC Council for International Cooperation](#), [Ontario Council for International Cooperation](#), [Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation](#), [Manitoba Council for International Cooperation](#), and [Northern Council for Global Cooperation \(NCGC\)](#).