

During a trade mission to Mexico in 2001, the Canadian Minister of Natural Resources announced that a climate-change trade office would be added to the Canadian embassy in Mexico City. The office is an indication of the increasingly strong ties between Canada and Mexico and their common interest in this area. The office will promote leading-edge Canadian technologies that could help Mexico address its energy needs and climate-change issues.

Development assistance

Although Canada has no direct government-to-government development assistance program in Mexico, Canada supports a wide range of partnerships between Canadian and Mexican organizations and businesses. Between 1998–99 and 2000–01, Canada has provided, on average, over \$7 million per year for roughly 60 partnership projects. Projects have included those aimed at enhancing civil society; conducting feasibility studies on such issues as watershed management, and health programs for infants and women; and supporting very small businesses for indigenous women. The Canadian International Development Agency has been the primary funding channel for these projects, mainly through the Industrial Co-operation Program, the Partnership Program with non-governmental organizations, the University Partnership in Co-operation and Development Program, and the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives

In January 1998, Canada and Mexico signed a general co-operation agreement for development assistance activities in third countries. Canada and Mexico are collaborating on a project to support victims of landmines in Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador. CIDA's contribution is \$3.5 million.