

Canadian stakeholders and support from ISTC consultants dedicated to Canadian partner promotion, have led to the addition of five new Canadian partners at the ISTC and three at the STCU. This brings the total number of registered Canadian partners to 31 at the ISTC and 56 at the STCU.

Accountable and Effective Leadership at the Multilateral Science Centers

Canada continues to be an active and constructive voice as a member of the Science Centers' Governing Board, Committees and Working Groups, insisting that the work of the Centers be linked directly to Global Partnership policy objectives and working closely with other Funding Parties to coordinate activities and develop common approaches.

Looking Ahead at 2009–2010

Canada remains supportive of the ISTC and STCU as key mechanisms in reducing the threat of WMD knowledge proliferation. Focussing on a small number of institutes with the greatest redirection need, Canada will continue to assist former weapons scientists and their institutes in securing sustainable, peaceful research. To this end, Canada will support research projects, capacity-building programs and other initiatives, and will work to build partnerships with FSU counterparts that address our non-proliferation objectives and S&T interests. The GPP will continue to inform Canadian private- and public-sector organizations about, and engage them in, the opportunities available through the ISTC and STCU while further reducing the threat of WMD knowledge proliferation.

Biological Non-Proliferation

In response to the heightened risk of biological proliferation and terrorism, the GPP is devoting greater attention and resources to biological non-proliferation with a broad range of initiatives to prevent terrorists and states of proliferation concern from acquiring or developing biological weapons and related materials, equipment and technology.

Progress Made in 2007–2009

Considerable progress was made in implementing the GPP's comprehensive Biological Non-Proliferation, Biosecurity and Biosafety strategy. This included further developing biosafety and biosecurity training centres in Kazakhstan and Ukraine and laying the foundation for the creation of a similar training centre in Russia. Canada's GPP also spearheaded a multinational effort to establish a Biosafety Association for Central Asia and the Caucasus (BACAC) and supported critical biosafety and biosecurity training for hundreds of biological specialists and technicians from FSU countries.

