

Overview

As of March 31, 2012, Canada had 179 missions located in 106 countries. Doha, Qatar was officially opened on March 21, 2012. The permanent mission in Geneva was divided into two entities: the Permanent Mission to the World Trade Organization and the Permanent Mission to the Office of the United Nations and to the Conference on Disarmament. As a result, the number of permanent missions to multilateral organizations was increased to 10. No mission was closed during 2011–2012.

At missions, we had a total of 7,968 Canada-based staff (CBS) and locally engaged staff (LES) positions. This represented a small increase of 49 positions from March 31, 2011. Canada-based staff positions decreased by 31 while the locally engaged staff establishment increased by 80 positions. There are currently two Regional Service Centres. One is located in Washington, D.C. in the United States and the other is outside London in the Thames Valley in the United Kingdom.

The five largest missions in the network by total number of positions are New Delhi, Beijing, Washington, D.C., London and Mexico City.

In addition, Canadians were in a position to obtain consular assistance from 105 consulates across the world headed by honorary consuls, 6 offices in China headed by the Canadian Commercial Corporation, 15 Australian High Commissions or Consulates as well as 1 Swedish Embassy in 16 cities in Asia-Pacific where they provide services on our behalf.

Across Canada, in 2011–2012, DFAIT operated a total of 18 regional and satellite trade offices accounting for 156 positions. Regional offices are located in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, Moncton, Charlottetown and St. John's while six satellite offices are

situated in Kelowna, Victoria, Waterloo, Windsor, Ottawa and Québec.

In total there are 8,124 positions in Canada's network and 324 service locations across the country and around the world.

DFAIT maintains a broad network of infrastructure and services to enable the Government of Canada to effectively serve Canadians and advance our country's interests in a constantly changing world.

Following the announcement of a strategic and operating review of the cost of programs delivered by the federal government in Budget 2012, programs and services were reviewed. Several proposals to render them more effective and efficient were prepared by DFAIT and bureaus of the International Platform Branch. Changes resulting from Deficit Reduction Action Plan (DRAP) will be reported in the next annual report (2012–2013).

Partners and Co-locators

The network is made up of over 32 partners and co-locators. These partners comprise federal departments, agencies and sub-agencies that sponsor programs involving diplomatic activities abroad. This includes conducting diplomatic and consular relations on behalf of Canada, fostering the expansion of international trade, implementing the immigration program and managing Canada's activities in international development.

As of March 31, 2012, the 24 partners were:

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Canada Border Services Agency
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Canadian Heritage
- Canadian International Development Agency
- Canadian Space Agency