

GOVERNANCE AND

Biological Non-proliferation

Canada is working in Central Asia to formalize a partnership in order to strengthen biosecurity/biosafety. Projects under development include the design of a biological containment laboratory to be built in the region to serve as a repository for the consolidation of dangerous biological agents from existing facilities. Biological non-proliferation activities that could be supported by Canada include assistance with the revision of standards and guidelines, extensive training in biosecurity and biosafety for key laboratory personnel, support for the establishment of a regional biosafety association for Central Asia, and construction of a new secure biological laboratory.

Canada's Commitment to the Global Partnership

Ongoing review of the international security environment confirms that the possibility of weapons and materials of mass destruction falling into terrorist hands continues to represent a serious threat for Canada and the international community. The Global Partnership remains a key multinational response aimed specifically at this threat. Canada's GPP is reviewed annually to determine the appropriateness of its response to these threats, and will be adjusted as needed.

The Global Partnership is now at its mid-term. While much has been accomplished, much more remains to be done. Canada is committed to maintaining its active role and leadership at the project implementation and policy levels. Canada will continue to work with other partners to build on the progress and momentum achieved and to encourage all countries to fully implement their financial pledges and turn these into concrete activities. In this way, Canada will continue to work to ensure that the GPP fulfills an important mandate within the broader non-proliferation, arms control, disarmament and counterterrorism agenda.



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