

**CANADA CUSTOMS AND REVENUE AGENCY (CCRA)
INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES
CURRENT AND PLANNED
FISCAL YEARS 2001-2002 AND 2002-2003**

Communication from Canada

The following communication, dated 24 May 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Canada.

FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002

Algeria

- Provision of two CCRA experts to assist Algeria Customs with their automated customs clearance system and to develop a risk management module
 - Alger, Algeria (May 2 – 16, 2001)
- Assistance in the implementation of the WTO Customs Valuation Agreement*

Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

- Provision of an expert to deliver an express consignment clearance follow-up training session
 - Taipei, Taiwan (December 11– 14, 2001)
- Provision of an expert to deliver customs laboratory training
 - Vietnam (January 14 – 23, 2002)
- Provision of an expert to deliver a Customs Valuation training session
 - Bangkok, Thailand (March 25 – 29, 2002)

India

- Capacity Development - assistance to the Government of India (GOI) in improving and modernizing their customs, excise and income tax. CCRA participants work with GOI counterparts in five cooperative working groups (Customs, Excise, Direct Tax, Training and Information Technology) to provide advice as required and to determine sub projects and activities to be undertaken by each component of the project.
 - New Delhi, India (April 1, 2001 – March 31, 2002)

Jamaica

- Study tour of a senior delegation from Jamaica Customs. Areas of interest include: airport, courier and port operations
- Niagara/Fort Erie, Toronto ((March 18 – 20, 2002)

Russia

- Presentation of CCRA Client Services, Audit Process, Compliance Research, Federal-Provincial Relations, communications, staff hiring, development and retention – Yeltsin Democracy Fellowship Program
- Ottawa, Canada (May 1 – 3, 2001)

St. Lucia

- Implementation of the Customs Valuation Agreement – Delivery of valuation training workshops
- St. Lucia (March 25 – 28, 2002)

WISEGRAD countries (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia)

- Provision of assistance on the management and operations of customs/revenue laboratories with emphasis on health and safety issues in a scientific environment
- Bratislava, Budapest, Prague, Sofia (August 11 – 25, 2001)
- Cooperation and exchange – Management of customs laboratories
- Ottawa, Canada (October 15 – 24, 2001)

World Customs Organization (WCO)

- Provision of a trainer to co-deliver the Fellowship Program Management Course (English-speaking program)
- Brussels, Belgium (September 24 – October 5, 2001)
- Provision of an expert to develop an action plan for modernizing programs and policies (Phase II of a Diagnostic Study)
- Vietnam (March 20 – April 7, 2002)

FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

Benin

- Customs and Finances Reform Project – This 3-year project is aimed at modernizing and strengthening the capacities of the Benin Customs Administration as well as the Finance Inspectorate in the areas of: generation of revenues, streamlining of the customs process and, expenditure control and monitoring.
- Cotonou, Benin (April 2001 – March 2004)

Central America – Trade Policy Capacity Development Project (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama)

- Trade Policy Capacity Development Project in partnership with the Centre for Trade Policy and Law. This project presents a comprehensive approach to capability building in the areas of trade policy development, business and trade facilitation instruments implementation and customs reform.

Diagnostic studies schedule:

Costa Rica	May 28 – June 7, 2002
Guatemala	June 3 – 14, 2002
Honduras	July 1 – 12, 2002
El Salvador	Sept. 2 – 13, 2002
Nicaragua	Sept. 16 – 27, 2002

Latvia

- Assistance on the implementation of WTO Customs Valuation Agreement. Needs assessment mission May 2002.
 - Riga, Latvia

Lithuania

- Provision of experts to assist Lithuania Customs in the implementation of the WTO Customs Valuation Agreement – Needs assessment mission - Lithuania (May 2002)

South Africa

- Provision of technical expertise from the Marine Centre of Expertise to the African Seaports Project (Phase II). (includes facilitating trade by stream-lining clearances of vessels and cargo through a risk assessment approach).
 - Port Elizabeth training (April 15-26, 2002)
 - Practical training phase (April 29 to May 10, 2002)
 - Cape Town, South Africa
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