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## CTPL Around the World

*The Centre for Trade Policy and Law (CTPL)* delivers training, advisory and research services to developing and transition economies around the world, enabling them to build both institutional and trade capacity. Through a unique blend of academic perspective, government experience and private sector expertise, CTPL prepares these countries to take their place on the global stage. Here is a glimpse of CTPL's impact in various regions of the world:

### **Caribbean Community (CARICOM)**

CTPL has worked on an ongoing basis with the CARICOM Secretariat and with officials from CARICOM states on various trade related capacity building projects. Analytical projects have included trade policy options to address diminishing trade preferences in the European Union and the United States, and the implementation of WTO commitments within CARICOM. CTPL has also delivered technical training workshops on negotiation strategies and techniques, customs valuation, standards and technical barriers, and best practices in regional capacity building.

CTPL has also worked in close cooperation with the University of the West Indies and the Organization of American States to offer enhanced training programs and analytical materials for trade officials in the eastern Caribbean.

In 2005, CTPL completed a comprehensive study in temporary movement of highly skilled workers from the Caribbean to Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom for the Commonwealth Secretariat.

### **Central America**

CTPL is the executing agency for CIDA's Trade Readiness Technical Assistance Project for Central America, a multi-year

program providing trade-related capacity building in association with the negotiation of the Canada-Costa Rica Free Trade Agreement and the prospective Canada-CA4 Free Trade Agreement. Training and advisory services have been provided to Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama through this project. The subjects of trade support have included: customs and border measures, trade negotiations, environmental and labour issues, government procurement, dispute settlement, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, public consultation, and exporting to Canada. The activities administered under this project have been offered in conjunction with Canadian Border Services Agency, International Trade Canada, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Environment Canada, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and the Trade Facilitation Office of Canada.

### **Monitoring the Impacts of the Uruguay Round (WTO) on Bangladesh**

CTPL and the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) implemented a multi-year CIDA project providing trade-related technical assistance to help Bangladesh develop its own capacity in the area of applied trade policy and to promote dialogue between government (including Opposition parties), private sector organizations and civil society. The result was a very successful attempt to promote greater understanding by the public and private sectors of the implications of global and regional trade issues for domestic policy.



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## **Canada-China WTO Capacity Building**

As of July 2004, CTPL in collaboration with IBM Business Consulting Services began a multi-year CIDA-funded project in China to support China's continuing economic reform in areas critical to development of a market economy, particularly its integration into the global trading regime. The project aims to support China's efforts to build a trade-related regulatory regime that complies with WTO principles and obligations and to help China develop options for adjusting to WTO-related socio-economic dislocation.

## **CIS and Eastern Europe**

CTPL is the executing agency for a number of CIDA-funded projects aimed at increasing the participation of CIS countries in the international trading system. CTPL has been implementing multi-year multi-activity trade capacity building projects in Russia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia. These projects have been built upon partnerships with domestic institutions in all those countries. Partnerships have been the key to transferring Canadian knowledge in a way that complements and enhances the existing efforts and experiences of economies in transition.

CTPL's new CIDA-sponsored Trade and Development Project in Russia is expected to continue until June 2007 as the next phase of the successful Trade Policy Capacity Building in Russia project. The project focuses on WTO accession/implementation; trade remedies capacity development; national training capacity building; and regional cooperation.

Working in CIS and Eastern European countries, CTPL's major goal in this region has been to provide technical and institution-building assistance to transition economies in order to facilitate their effective participation in the international trading system.

CTPL provides trade policy and law advice as well as training, particularly in the areas of WTO accession and implementation activities to both public and private sectors, enhancing their capacity for international trade. CTPL has helped establish several indigenous and autonomous Centres for Trade Policy and Law in the region which became self-financing and active agents in the development of domestic trade policy and law communities. These centres have become catalysts for the development of local trade policy communities comprising government officials, policy experts, legal specialists and academics. CTPL assistance is used to increase the capacity of local academic institution partners to provide educational programs on trade policy and law issues. Through its projects, CTPL helps to expand the range of opportunities available to young professionals from the region.