

MINISTERIAL MESSAGE - FCM

Celebrating 25 Years of Making a Difference Globally

On behalf of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), congratulations to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and member municipalities on 25 years of garnering tangible results in international development.

I commend your strong commitment to the principle of communities helping communities. It provides ways for Canadian municipalities to engage with their counterparts around the world, to contribute knowledge, and to foster cooperation across a global network of local governments.

FCM's development initiatives, as well as support to areas affected by large-scale natural disasters, bring partners together to find practical solutions to real problems, help deliver basic services, promote sustainable local economic development, and encourage citizen participation.

Since 1987, you have successfully delivered high-quality international programming through the involvement of Canadian municipal experts in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Together with CIDA and member municipalities, you have strengthened the impact of Canada's international aid in 43 countries.

Canadians make a difference every day around the globe. This International Development Week is an opportunity to highlight that difference.

May you continue to offer excellence in international development and a special thank you to all the municipalities who officially proclaimed International Development Week 2012.

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