



# The New CANADA-UKRAINE PARTNERS PROGRAM

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Since declaring independence in 1991, Ukraine has been attempting to build a state based on democratic and market oriented principles. Canada is at the forefront of efforts to assist Ukraine through various technical assistance projects and initiatives.

The New Canada-Ukraine Partners Program (New CUPP) is a group of programs which began in February 1996 and collectively involves \$5.99m in federal funding. The purpose of this funding is to allow for the implementation of small-scale, practical, technical assistance projects in Ukraine. The New CUPP consists of three sectoral programs: Partners in Civil Society, Partners in Health, and Partners in Public Management. Behind these programs are two support programs: the Program Support Unit and the Promotion/Advisory Services Unit. The New CUPP will focus on identifying and addressing Ukrainian needs and adapting to the evolving socio-economic context of Ukraine. It will emphasize sustainable human resource development and institutional strengthening and Canada-Ukraine partnership linkages.

The main activity of the New Canada-Ukraine Partners Program is the placement of Canadian professionals in Ukraine and Ukrainian professionals in Canada on a primarily volunteer basis.

Canadians and Ukrainians will participate in a direct "people to people" approach to facilitate the transfer of skills and on-the-job training in policy making, organizational management and infrastructure development.

The New Canada-Ukraine Partners Program will draw upon the professional skills, linguistic capabilities and cultural understandings of Canadians, particularly those who trace their roots to the region. They will work with Ukrainians from institutions which have expressed an interest in and commitment to working with Canadians to enhance their capacity.

Anticipated outputs will be the institutional strengthening of Ukrainian partner institutions and organizations in both the private and public sectors. Canada expects to improve its methodologies due to exposure to Ukrainian approaches and to identify potential commercial and scientific joint ventures.

Canadian professionals shall take part in briefing sessions in Ottawa prior to departure to Ukraine. Ukrainian professionals shall take part in briefing sessions in Kyiv prior to departure to Canada. Placements in Ukraine and Canada will range from two weeks to six months.



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