

**Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN)
Draft International Program Workplan 2009-2010
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International Program Mandate

The Canadian Environmental Network's International Program (RCEN-IP) is a network of Canadian environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGOS) that do international work. The RCEN-IP provides a forum to work together on policy issues as well as national and international environmental issues. The RCEN-IP also works with Southern NGOs on policies and practices that achieve results that will protect the Earth and promote ecologically sound ways of life.

1. IP Teamnet

The International Program Teamnet (Steering Committee) will survey ENGO members to assess which are actively engaged in international projects at this time in order to update the RCEN-IP members list.

IP Activities

1. Communication with CIDA

The IP aims to strengthen its relationship with CIDA through ongoing communication at multiple levels. A meeting is planned on June 9, 2009 with Langis Lagacé, DG Economic Growth and Environmental Sustainability Directorate and representatives from the Canadian Partnership Branch. A letter will also be drafted to the Minister of International Cooperation requesting a meeting regarding the rejection of the RCEN IP Voluntary Sector Program proposal.

2. Follow up on the RCEN-IP "Good Governance, Effective Policy and Environmental Stewardship in the Extractive Industry Sector" Program Proposal

The RCEN-IP Coordinator will attend the Environmental Funders' Forum on June 3, 2009 to meet with representatives from various funding programs and to scope out potential funding opportunities for the IP VSP (or parts thereof). Following the June 9 meeting with CIDA, the IP will decide on the direction to take on the VSP according to CIDA's suggestions on the way forward.

3. Partnerships for Tomorrow

The IP will look into which countries in the Eastern Block CIDA is most favorable to working with and whether any further funding from the *Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada* is available for future work.

4. International Program Website

The International Program Website will be updated and reintegrated into the RCEN Website as a Caucus Webpage.

5. Annual Caucus Meeting

An International Program meeting will be held at the RCEN AGA taking place in Edmonton, June 12-14, 2009.

8. Communications

IP members are invited to sign up to and receive updates through the CENIP Listserv. Members can also post information by sending an email to [Sarah Heiberg](#), IP Coordinator, who will distribute it through the CENIP Listserv.