

The Public Health Strengthening in Guyana Project

A winner of the Award for Improvement of Social Infrastructure at the 14th Annual Canadian Awards for International Cooperation, 2006



Awards to recognize the excellent work of Canadian businesses and organizations in developing countries and countries in transition and presented by Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters at a special ceremony held as part of CIDA's International Cooperation Days 2006 Conference.



Perrin Beatty (President of CME), left to right, Janet Hatcher Roberts (CSIH Executive Director), Robert Greenhill (President of CIDA) and Roumyana Benedict, PHSG Project Director at the Award Ceremony



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CME and CIDA Recognize Canadian Excellence in Developing Countries at the 14th Annual Canadian Awards for International Cooperation

OTTAWA —The 14th Annual Canadian Awards for International Cooperation, recognizing the excellent work of Canadian businesses and organizations in developing countries and countries in transition, were presented by Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters today at a special ceremony held as part of CIDA's International Cooperation Days Conference.

The awards were presented by Mr. Robert Greenhill, President, Canadian International Development Agency and Hon. Perrin Beatty, President & CEO, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters in six different categories including a Special Recognition Award for Long-Term Commitment to International Cooperation.

"These awards honour excellence and corporate and personal commitment to international development." said Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of CME. "The people involved from Canada and the developing countries in these projects are working to make a significant, sustainable positive difference in individual lives, communities and countries."

Since the inception of the awards in 1992, over 100 firms or organizations, from over 800 applicants, have been recognized for their outstanding work in international cooperation. The Awards are co-funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME).

CME and CIDA have partnered for 14 years to recognize the outstanding contributions of Canadian business and other organizations in international cooperation. The Canadian Awards for International Cooperation honour the achievements of Canadian businesses and organizations supporting sustainable economic growth, stability and social programs to reduce poverty in the developing countries of Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean as well as countries in transition in Central and Eastern Europe.

Award Categories and recipients for 2006:

- Award for Improvement of Social Infrastructure, partner: CHF – Canadian Society for International Health (Ottawa, Ontario), for the “Public Health Strengthening in Guyana” Project.
- Award for Excellence in Capacity Building of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, partners: Cowater International and CRC Sogema – Mennonite Economic Development Associates (Waterloo, Ontario), for the Hati Punguzo: Distributing Insecticide Treated Nets through the Private Sector” Project in Tanzania.
- Award for Excellence in Capacity Building of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, partners: Cowater International and CRC Sogema – SOCODEVI (Montreal, Quebec), for the Project to Support Production and Marketing of Nontraditional Products in the Central and Northern Parts of Chuquisaca in Bolivia.
- Award for Excellence in Corporate Social and Ethical Responsibility, partner: Nexen Inc. – Barrick Gold Corporation (Toronto, Ontario), for the Integrated Agricultural and Livestock Project at Communities in Andres Avelino Caceres of Cuncashca Community in Peru.
- The Award for Gender Equality Achievement, partner: TecSult Ltd. – Trade Facilitation Office of Canada (Ottawa, Ontario), for the ACCESS! for African Businesswomen in International Trade Program.
- Huguette Labelle Award for Engaging Youth in International Cooperation, partners: Aga Khan Foundation and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges – Free the Children (Toronto, Ontario) for the “Youth in Action” Program.
- Special Recognition Award for Long-term Commitment to International Cooperation, partner: Développement international Desjardins – Stratexport International Inc. (Montreal, Quebec).
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Backgrounder with specific details about each project and award recipient is available at www.cme-mec.ca

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