



## **CME and CIDA Recognize Canadian Excellence at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Awards for International Cooperation**

Vancouver, May 21, 2008 -- The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Awards for International Cooperation, recognizing achievements of Canadian businesses and organizations in developing countries, were awarded today at CME's International Development Days conference here.

The awards, in nine different categories, were presented by the Honorable Beverley J. Oda, minister of international cooperation and Jayson Myers, CME president.

"The awards honour excellence and corporate and personal commitment to international development. Canadians are working to make a significant, sustainable positive difference in individual lives, communities and countries," Jayson Myers, CME president.

Since the inception of the awards in 1992, more than 150 firms and organizations, from more than 880 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 16 years to recognize the outstanding contributions of Canadian businesses and other organizations in international cooperation. The Canadian Awards for International Cooperation honour Canadian achievements in supporting sustainable economic growth, stability and social programs to reduce poverty in 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 2008:

- (Tie) Award for Improvement of Physical Infrastructure, partner CPCS Transcom: Manitoba Hydro International for its Energy Recovery Project in Kenya; **AND** CARE Canada and its partner CARE Bangladesh for their Rural Maintenance Program (RMP) in Bangladesh.
- Award for Improvement of Social Infrastructure/Condition, partner CHF: University of Calgary, Faculty of Medicine, International Health Program, for the Sudanese Physician Reintegration Program.

- Award for Sustainable Development of Natural Resources or Protection of the Environment, partner AMEC Inc.: Artumas Group Inc. for its Mtwara Energy Project in Tanzania.
- Award Recognizing Excellence in Capacity Building of SMEs in Developing Countries and Countries in Transition, partners Cowater International and CRC Sogema: The Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO), for its Building Private Sector Capacity Project in the Philippines.
- Award for Excellence in Corporate Social and Ethical Responsibility, partner Nexen Inc.: Antamina Mining Company for long-term poverty reduction projects in the Ancash Region of Peru.
- Award for Gender Equality Achievement, partner The Centre for Intercultural Learning (Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada): Cowater International Inc. for its Community Environment Action Project (CENACT) in Egypt.
- **Huguette Labelle Award for Excellence in Youth Programming, partners, Aga Khan Foundation Canada and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges: AIESEC Canada Inc. for their Development Assistance Program for Trainees (ADAPT).**
- Award for Recognizing Excellence in Communicating Private Sector Contributions to International Cooperation Issues, partner Hatfield Consultants Ltd.: World Vision Canada, for its World Vision Youth Empowerment Program.
- (Tie) Special recognition award for Long-Term Commitment to International Cooperation, partner, Développement international Desjardins: CRC Sogema Inc, for its commitment of nearly 25 years in the area of international development; AND the International Centre for Sustainable Cities (ICSC) for 15 years working in international development, bringing the private, public and civil sectors together to address urban issues in developing country cities.

Backgrounder with specific details about each project and award recipient is available at [www.cme-mec.ca](http://www.cme-mec.ca)

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