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Co-operatives in Canada: Sustainable

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Co-operatives in Canada

Financial and Non-Financial Co-ops

Over 8,400 incorporated Co-ops (including c.u. and c.p.)

4 out of 10 Canadians are members of a co-operative

Over 70,000 Volunteers (boards, committees, etc.)

152,000 employees

Over \$209 billion in assets

Financial Co-ops

10.5 million members

1,140 credit unions/caisses populaires

64,600 employees

3,400 points of service

\$192 billion in assets

Non Financial Co-ops

5.9 million members

5,715 reporting co-operatives

87,700 employees

\$27.7 billion volume of business

\$17.8 billion in assets

Le soutien du gouvernement canadien aux

- Informe les partenaires fédéraux sur les coopératives et leurs besoins en matière de politiques et programmes.
- Encourage le dialogue entre les partenaires des coopératives.
- Facilite l'interaction entre les coopératives et le gouvernement fédéral.
- Fournit de l'information valide sur les coopératives et le modèle d'entreprises coopératives au secteur, aux universitaires et aux développeurs économiques communautaires.

Le Secrétariat aux coopératives

1. Développement de politiques
 - Un environnement législatif, réglementaire et politique qui est sensible à la réalité des coopératives
 - Une expertise et des conseils sur les enjeux coopératifs au sein du gouvernement fédéral
2. Recherche
 - Identification des lacunes, des enjeux et des occasions pour les co-opératives
 - Amélioration des connaissances sur les coopératives
 - Accès pour les canadiennes et canadiens à l'information (directement ou indirectement) sur les coopératives
3. Programmes
 - Soutien financier pour le développement et le renforcement des coopératives

Programs:

- **Co-operative Development Initiative (2003 -2008)**
 - \$15M over 5 years
 - Increases co-operative development capacity:
 - “Advisory Services”
 - Innovation and Research projects in federal priority sectors
 - Delivered in collaboration with CCA and CCC
- **Agricultural Co-operative Development Initiative (2006-2009)**
 - \$4.25M over 3 years
 - Support for farm producer co-operatives in bio-fuels and other agricultural value-added initiatives
 - Delivered by the CCA and CCC

CDI Renewal

- Continuity Year: 2008-2009
 - Ag-CDI (\$1.75M)
 - CDI (\$2.48M)
- Longer-term renewal of CDI
 - In process
- Co-operatives Secretariat's role shifting to policy, knowledge development and management, and strengthening relationships

Government and Sector: complementary efforts to build a sustainable co-op sector

ACE

- To strengthen cooperatives and the cooperative movement by promoting innovative educational responses to social and economic changes.
 - Cooperative research
 - Linking universities, coops and organizations
 - Building capacity
 - Cooperative education resources

Co-operatives Secretariat

- To strengthen economic growth and social development of Canadian society through co-operative enterprise.
 - Policy development
 - Programs
 - Research
 - Relationship building

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