



International

Since 1972, DPRA Canada has been active in international projects spanning the continents of North America, South America and Asia. Our fields of international activity include policy development, institutional strengthening, capacity building, strategic planning, environmental/natural resource management, management of hazardous wastes and solid wastes, public consultation, workshop facilitation and training in a wide variety of social and environmental topics.

DPRA Canada has extensive knowledge regarding the procurement of funding of International Financing Institutions and vast experience in technical collaboration for projects in developing countries. DPRA Canada's involvement has included projects in countries such as the United States, Mexico, Nepal, Paraguay, India, Bangladesh, Russia, Guyana, Jamaica, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Our Services

DPRA Canada's international work is oriented along four major themes:

- Watershed management;
- Sustainable development;
- Capacity development; and
- Participatory processes.

Watershed Management

DPRA Canada has developed a state of the art electronic system to support watershed management activities. The system is known as the Watershed Management Decision Support System (WMDSS).

The WMDSS is a tool designed to determine the best use of water for human consumption such as agricultural, domestic and industrial purposes based on the implicit economic value of those activities. The WMDSS allows for analysis of

optimal water conservation scenarios and evaluates water allocations based on economic, ecological and regulatory requirements.

The WMDSS is a transparent and user-friendly instrument designed for facilitating communication between multiple stakeholders.

The WMDSS was first developed to meet the needs of the State of Chihuahua, Mexico. Its architecture is completely flexible and expandable to meet the needs of any watershed

Sustainable Development

Much of DPRA Canada's work internationally, as well as in Canada, has been focused on principles of sustainable development – i.e. integrating economic, social and environmental considerations into decision-making. Our firm is committed to helping to maximize resource efficiency, assess short- to long-term social, economic and environmental effects of development activities, and apply ecosystem-based approaches.

Capacity Development

DPRA Canada focuses on strengthening local capacity to solve institutional problems. We believe that only the programs which develop local managerial and technical capacity can ensure a sustainable solution to environmental and economic development problems. Our approach emphasizes the development and building of local capacity through interaction, education and training. We are careful to ensure that all capacity development activities are sensitive to local circumstances, culture and sensibilities. We work in partnership with the local institutions to ensure their "ownership" of – and involvement in – capacity development from the start. All training and workshop activities employ interactive formats, combining lectures with discussions and exercises.

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Participatory Process

Encouraging and using participatory processes has been one of DPRA Canada's primary activities in Canada and internationally for over 20 years. Our international participatory process activities include working with local officials in the design, development and delivery of

projects; collaboration with local institutions/NGOs in environmental and socio-economic impact assessments; developing multi-stakeholder consultations regarding proposed development projects and environmental policy; and designing public consultation programs.

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