MI International

Quick Facts

• International office of the Marine Institute of Memorial Univ
• 10-person unit
• More than 150 projects in over 50 countries
• Last year 43 people overseas
• Funding sources: CIDA, ADB, AfDB, private sector, KFAED, HRSDC, World Bank, UNDP, foreign governments, NL Gov, etc
Current Projects and Activities

- Mozambique
- Malawi
- Tanzania
- Kenya
- Senegal
- Botswana
- Vietnam
- Philippines
- Thailand
- Cambodia
- China
- Papua New Guinea
- Ireland
- Denmark
- Netherlands
- France
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Mexico
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Jamaica
- Chile
International Engagement from a Post-Secondary Education Perspective

Glance at the Education Sector

Areas of International Engagement for Colleges and Universities

• Internationalization of colleges and universities
• International Development and Research Projects
• International Student Recruitment and Services
• International Mobility/Internships
• International Program Brokering
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Trends, Challenges and Opportunities

- Internationalization of the campus
  - International student recruitment (and services!) – driven by demographic and financial pressures
  - Challenges of the multicultural campus
  - Globalized programs and program brokering
  - Technology /ICTs – distance delivery

- Growing global interest in PS education
  - The rise of TVET
  - Foreign governments’ interest in building post secondary systems
Trends, Challenges and Opportunities

- Funding challenges
  - Fiscal/budget constraints in today’s economy
  - “Corporatization” of education
  - The “business of education”

- Changing face of CIDA
  - Reduced number of focus countries
  - Changes to the Partnership Branch
  - Renegotiating relationships with ACCC/AUCC
Trends, Challenges and Opportunities

- **Int’l Development Projects**
  - New models for engaging with countries (more consultative and greater decision making power with country)
  - Increasing collaboration between donors/joint funds
  - Increasing competition from/collaboration with local companies

- **The word on the street: “collaboration”**
  - Within Canada first!
  - Between education institutions and provinces
  - Lobster crawling out of the pot

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Discussion Questions:

What are the barriers to collaboration between PS education institutions?

How can we overcome these barriers to engage more effectively in international cooperation and development?

How do we enhance collaboration between education institutions and other organizations such as environmental and civil society organizations?
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