

International Committee

Terms of Reference

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Purpose To oversee all aspects of CDA's international strategy, engagement and activities, including relations with ICOLD, agreements with national committees of ICOLD, international business development (IBD) program and other international activities.

Specific objectives include:

- Broadening the knowledge of Canadian professionals through CDA member involvement in ICOLD Technical Committees and other international initiatives.
- Creating opportunities to showcase Canadian advances and expertise in safe and sustainable practices related to water-retaining and mining dams.
- Providing a forum for young professionals to build networks in the international community.

Membership The elected Director-at-Large for ICOLD will be the Chair. The Chair is responsible for recruiting Committee members.

The term of member appointment is two years, with the term being renewable.

Reporting The Chair shall provide regular reports to the Board as needed, and semi-annual written reports to the Board, outlining:

- Committee activities and deliverables in the period
- CDA representatives to ICOLD Committees
- International agreements or memoranda of understanding
- CDA representatives to other international agencies or committees
- Work plan and project expenditures for the upcoming period
- List of committee members

Mandate

1. Represent Canada at ICOLD:
 - a) Be primary contact with ICOLD Central Office
 - b) Encourage CDA members to share information and knowledge at ICOLD events
 - c) Disseminate information between ICOLD and CDA members
 - d) Recruit and oversee Canadian representatives for ICOLD Technical Committees
 - e) Oversee CDA representation on Francophone and INCA meetings
 - f) Develop CDA positions for input to ICOLD decisions
 - g) Manage CDA participation at ICOLD events
2. Develop and maintain an International Strategy, for approval by CDA Board of Directors, to guide planning and implementation of CDA's international engagement.

3. Coordinate requests from outside Canada for CDA involvement, consistent with the International Strategy. Recommend to the Board any appointment of CDA representatives, in consultation with other relevant CDA committees as appropriate.
4. Consistent with the International Strategy, identify funding opportunities for international activities from the Government of Canada (e.g. CanExport – Associations) and other sources, Upon approval by the Board, lead the application process for funds and if successful, inform the relevant Committees / Working Groups to implement the initiatives being funded.
5. Consistent with the International Strategy, and as approved by the Board, develop and implement agreements with ICOLD national committees and other international agencies.