

What is the Canadian Trade and Investment Facility for Development?

The Canadian Trade and Investment Facility for Development (CTIF) is a demand-driven technical assistance facility funded by the Government of Canada. It is designed to improve the policy and regulatory environment for trade and investment in Asia-Pacific countries in support of poverty reduction and women's empowerment.

CTIF assistance is available to countries or groups of countries in the Asia-Pacific eligible to receive official development assistance (ODA). CTIF is implemented on behalf of Global Affairs Canada by CowaterSogema International and the Institute of Public Administration of Canada.

What does CTIF offer?

In response to requests, CTIF provides technical expertise and support for small-scale initiatives that contribute to inclusive and sustainable trade and investment policy and regulatory reforms, or that help local stakeholders benefit from such reforms.

CTIF support can include, but is not limited to: deployment of experts, training, study tours, advisory services, conference support, policy research, stakeholder engagement, and institutional development. CTIF does not provide direct financial support to recipient governments or organizations.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants include: governments, regional institutions, civil society organizations, private sector organizations, and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) from ODA-eligible countries in the Asia-Pacific.

Applications are submitted online through the CTIF website: www.c-tif.ca. For further information, please contact the CTIF team: info@c-tif.ca.

Application Process



Priority Areas of Programming

Governments

Increase the ability of national and local governments to plan, develop and implement inclusive (especially gender inclusive) policies, legislation, and regulations that improve access to markets and finance, expand private investment, and increase funding for infrastructure.

Regional institutions

Increase regional economic integration and competitiveness, and support inclusive and sustainable growth.

Civil society organizations

Increase the capacity of civil society organizations to engage with government institutions on trade, investment, and infrastructure issues.

Private Sector

Support MSMEs, especially women-owned MSMEs, and private sector organizations to take advantage of new opportunities from a shifting trade and investment policy and regulatory landscape, including access to markets and finance, and to adopt sustainable and responsible business practices.

About CowaterSogema and the Institute of Public Administration of Canada

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