

**Activity report. Visit to Canada by the Accounting Chamber of the Russian Federation.
Meetings on Performance Auditing of Agriculture and Road Construction.
May 28 – June 2, 2006**

<p>PPF MISSION FRAMEWORK AND STRATEGY</p> <p><i>INTENDED OUTCOMES.</i></p> <p>100. Improved knowledge of the ACRF to efficiently and transparently liaise with respective ACs on issues arising from performance audits.</p> <p>RELEVANT OUTPUTS:</p> <p><i>100. Enhanced buy-in by and capacity of the ACRF to conduct performance audits and to generate and publicize transparent and accurate reports. Wherever possible, audits should be gender-sensitive.</i></p> <p>MAY-JUNE 2006 ACTIVITY CONTRIBUTING TO RESULTS:</p> <p><i>Visit to Ottawa by ACRF Auditors Nazarov and Beskhemelnytsin to study Canadian experience in performance auditing of agriculture and transportation and Canada's agriculture and transportation systems.</i></p> <p>CONTRIBUTION OF ACTIVITY TO CIDA PRIORITIES:</p> <p><i>The visit contributed to CIDA's priority of promoting democratic development by strengthening oversight of the executive branch at the federal level.</i></p>	<p>PROGRESS TO DATE</p> <p>CONTRIBUTION OF LATEST ACTIVITY TO RESULTS:</p> <p>The activity played a very important role in preparing for and conducting the new round of joint-federal regional audits on agriculture and transportation. At a marginal cost for the project the ACRF auditors responsible for the audits have gained knowledge that will be used in coordinating the work of and providing guidance to regional ACs as well as in conducting the federal part of the audit work.</p> <p>Materials developed by PC and the OAG, and other knowledge gained during the visit, will be used by the ACRF to hold training sessions for additional members of their audit teams.</p>
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RESULTS ACHIEVED BY LATEST ACTIVITY:

Output indicator 100. Plans on conducting performance audits developed; Methodological recommendations on performance auditing developed; Number of people trained; Federal and/or regional ACs start work on conducting performance audits;

(1) At a marginal cost for the project, the ACRF is now better prepared to coordinate the new round of federal-regional performance audits of agriculture and transportation programs. The ACRF auditors responsible for joint federal-regional audits are now well acquainted with Canadian experience in conducting performance audits of agriculture and road construction as well as with Canada's agriculture and transportation systems. They will use knowledge gained during the visit in coordinating the work of and providing guidance to regional ACs as well as in conducting their part of the audit work.

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(2) The delegation was provided with a wealth of documents (in English and Russian) on performance audit practices and on Canada's agriculture and transportation systems.

These materials, and other knowledge gained during the visit, will be used by delegates to disseminate experience to other members of their audit teams.

VALUE-ADDED OF PC TEAM IN ACHIEVING RESULTS:

Resorting to expertise accumulated during many years of working experience as senior public service executives, Vice-president Amelita Armit and Senior ASP Advisor David Rattray delivered presentations on the Canadian budget process and audit system.

The presentations prepared delegation members for focused and in-depth discussions with OAG and Canadian government officials allowing for the time available to be used in the most efficient way. Utilizing their substantial knowledge of both the Canadian and Russian context, all members of the PC team played an important facilitating role at meetings held ensuring a highly productive dialogue between Canadian officials and experts and Russian partners.

Glossary of terms:

ACRF: Accounting Chamber of the Russian Federation

FC: Federation Council

AC: Accounting Chamber

PC: Parliamentary Centre