



COMPENDIUM OF CANADA'S ENGAGEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS

Agreement on the Environment between Canada and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

SUBJECT CATEGORY:

Environmental Cooperation

TYPE OF AGREEMENT / INSTRUMENT:

Bilateral

FORM:

Legally-binding treaty

STATUS:

- Signed by Canada June 28, 2009
- Ratified by Canada June 29, 2012
- In force in Canada October 1, 2012
- In force internationally October 1, 2012

LEAD & PARTNER DEPARTMENTS:

Lead: Environment and Climate Change Canada

Partners: Global Affairs Canada

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Web links:

- [Agreement on the Environment](#)
- [Canada-Jordan Free Trade Agreement](#)

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COMPENDIUM EDITION:

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PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

The Agreement on the Environment between Canada and Jordan was signed in parallel to the Canada-Jordan Free Trade Agreement, and serves as an instrument for environmental cooperation. The Agreement requires parties to encourage high levels of environmental protection, to foster good environmental governance and promote transparency and public participation in drafting environmental laws.

The Agreement also creates a framework for undertaking environmental cooperative activities which allow for policy dialogue and information exchange to help strengthen environmental protection in both countries. Implementation of the Agreement is done through a Committee on the Environment, comprised of representatives from both countries. The Agreement serves as a mechanism for Canada and Jordan to interact and promote joint environmental cooperation efforts

OBJECTIVE

The objectives of this Agreement are to:

- (a) Foster conservation, protection and improvement of the environment;
- (b) Promote sustainable development through environmental and economic policies that are mutually supportive;
- (c) Promote cooperation between the Parties on the development and improvement of environmental governance;
- (d) Enhance compliance with, and enforcement of, environmental laws;
- (e) Support the environment-related provisions of the Canada-Jordan FTA
- (f) Promote transparency and public participation in the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment, including in the development of environmental laws and policies;
- (g) Encourage public participation in the implementation of this Agreement; and,

- (h) Promote economically efficient and effective environmental measures.

KEY ELEMENTS

The Agreement lays out domestic obligations that recognizes the right of each country to establish its own domestic levels of environmental protection, environmental development policies and priorities and to adopt or modify its environmental laws. The Agreement also includes provisions to ensure accountability, promote environmental cooperation between the two countries (subject to availability of resources) and outlines mechanisms and institutional arrangements that will support the implementation of the Agreement.

The Environment Agreement also includes the establishment of a dispute resolution mechanism for both governments to address any matter that may arise under the Agreement.

The Environment Chapter within the [FTA](#):

- Recognizes the need to implement the FTA in a manner consistent with environmental protection and conservation;
- Recognizes the importance of balancing trade obligations and environmental obligations; and,
- Affirms environmental obligations under domestic law, as well as their international obligations under multilateral environmental agreements.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The Agreement is expected to result in environmental protections being maintained at a high level and potentially improved, in parallel to increasing bilateral trade flows. Furthermore, the Agreement provides an effective mechanism to raise and resolve concerns about the effective enforcement of domestic environmental law by either party or citizens within each state.

CANADA'S INVOLVEMENT

This agreement is aligned with Canada's trade diversification strategy, which ensures that progressive elements are included within free trade and other bilateral agreements, which reflect inclusivity and diversity provisions.

The federal government has committed to encourage provinces to agree to be bound by the Canada–Jordan Environment Agreement.

RESULTS / PROGRESS

Activities

No activities have been undertaken to date.