

## Management Response to Program Evaluation of Sustainable Cities Initiative

Recommendations: That the Director General consider implementing the following:	Management Response/ Proposed Actions	Timing	Lead
<p>Clarification and better communication of SCI's objectives so that all stakeholders know whether it is a trade development or a development assistance program. If it is to be a combination of trade and development assistance, then a horizontal initiative involving departments and/or agencies with the appropriate mandate needs to be established.</p>	<p><b>Agree.</b>            SCI renewal was proposed in the Economic Update as an initiative focusing on developing trade opportunities.</p> <p>Current communications now states that SCI is a trade initiative that promotes partnerships and business development and responds to Canada's commitment to sustainable economic development. This is reflected in SCI presentations.</p>	<p>October 2005</p>	<p>Director General</p>
<p>More rigorous application of the existing city selection criteria.</p>	<p><b>Agree.</b>            Discussions regarding the review of the exiting city selection criteria have been undertaken with OGDs. Special attention will be given to private sector interest and potential involvement as well as downstream financing opportunities.</p>	<p>January 2006</p>	<p>Director General</p>
<p>Better matching of the language skills of IC SCI staff with the requirements of the cities with which they are working.</p>	<p><b>Agree.</b>            We have when possible matched language skills with requirements of the cities with the existing staff.            All new staff assigned to SCI since January 2006 have language skills appropriate to their cities.</p>	<p>January 2006</p>	<p>Director General</p>

Better alignment of the number of cities SCI is active in with SCI's actual staff levels.	<b>Agree.</b> Management has curtailed activities in less active cities to ensure that the currently available staff can concentrate efforts on the cities with the most activity.	November 2005	Director General