



## WHAT IS THE IGO?

The International Governance Office (IGO) is a group of individuals who work as part of the Government of the Province of Alberta, Canada. The IGO has more than 20 years of experience providing governance advice and training in many parts of the world. Specifically, the IGO:

- acts as a first point of contact for *information and advice* on governance projects for international financial institutions and partners,
- *co-ordinates* Alberta Government expertise in international governance projects, and
- creates *partnerships* between the Alberta public sector, private sector, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations in pursuit of international governance projects.



## WHY USE THE IGO?

The IGO can harness the Alberta public sector's expertise to support capacity building and institutional strengthening initiatives. International development funding institutions (such as the World Bank, the Canadian International Development Agency, Asia Development Bank and others) are increasingly focusing on capacity building within governments. The IGO can be a key partner for such governance initiatives.

**Mexico:**

- Environmental management
- Central/local relations reform

**Various African countries:**

- Resource revenue management
- Energy royalty systems
- Agricultural supply chain management

**South Africa:**

- Performance management
- Financial accountability and transparency
- Strategic communications



## WHY USE ALBERTA'S EXPERTISE?

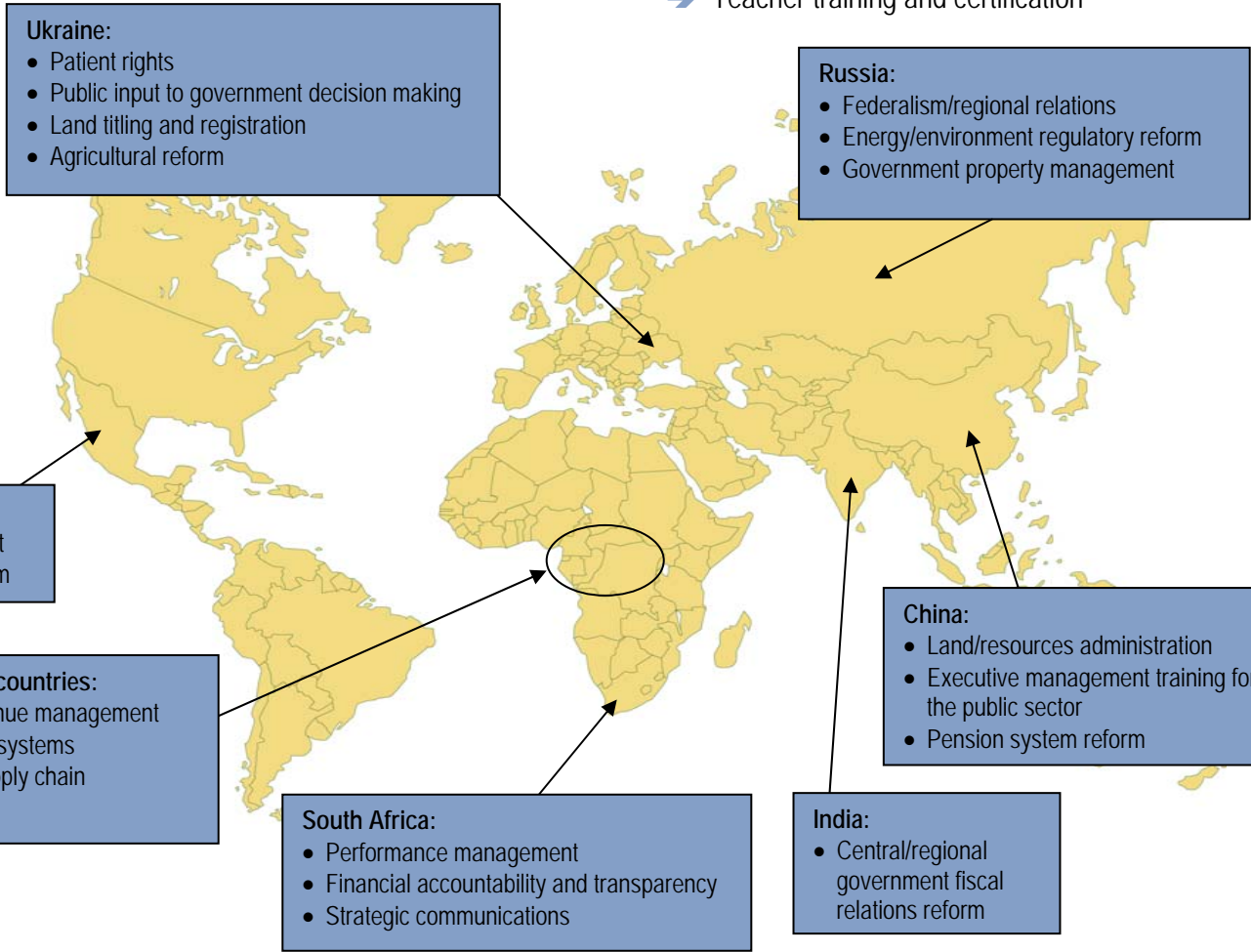
Alberta is recognized internationally for its innovative and world-class expertise in efficient government administration and successful public sector reforms. This expertise contributed to Alberta's many strengths detailed on the back of this brochure.



## WHAT IS THE IGO'S TRACK RECORD?

The IGO has successfully designed and delivered governance programs in areas such as:

- Federalism/decentralization
- Administrative and civil service reform
- Business planning and performance measurement
- Energy, environmental, judicial regulatory systems
- Financial accountability for governments
- Teacher training and certification





## ABOUT ALBERTA

- Canada's fastest growing economy: 3.7% average annual growth over the past 10 years
- GDP over US\$140 billion in 2003 (CDN\$172 billion)
- A strong, diversified economy:
  - oil and gas,
  - petrochemicals,
  - agriculture products,
  - forest products,
  - processed food, and
  - telecommunications
- 14% of the world's oil reserves second only to Saudi Arabia
- World's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest producer of natural gas
- A strong science and technology culture, supported by world-class universities
- The lowest overall tax level in Canada
- In a 2004 KMPG survey of 63 OECD cities, Edmonton ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> and Calgary 7<sup>th</sup> for most competitive business environments.
- A 2003 OECD study found that Alberta students finished among the top three in the world in standardized testing.
- Alberta has numerous schools with bilingual programs that provide up to 50% of instruction in one of 10 languages other than English, such as Arabic, German, Mandarin, Spanish or Ukrainian.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

**International and Intergovernmental Relations**  
 12th Floor, Commerce Place  
 10155 – 102 Street  
 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5J 4G8



**Telephone:** +1-780-422-1510  
**Facsimile:** +1-780-427-0699  
**Website:** [www.iir.gov.ab.ca/international\\_relations/igo.asp](http://www.iir.gov.ab.ca/international_relations/igo.asp)

### International Governance Office Contacts:

**Director** Aniko Parnell  
**Telephone:** +1-780-427-4627  
**Email:** [aniko.parnell@gov.ab.ca](mailto:aniko.parnell@gov.ab.ca)

**Associate Director** Rockford Lang  
**Telephone:** +1-780-422-1647  
**Email:** [rockford.lang@gov.ab.ca](mailto:rockford.lang@gov.ab.ca)

### International Governance Office Advisory Committee:

Shiraz Shariff, MLA Calgary-McCall, Chair  
 Moe Amery, MLA Calgary-East  
 Neil Brown, MLA Calgary-Nose Hill  
 LeRoy Johnson, MLA Wetaskiwin-Camrose

### Other Key Contacts:

**International Markets IFI Coordinator** Shane Jaffer  
**Telephone:** +1-403-297-6592  
**Email:** [shane.jaffer@gov.ab.ca](mailto:shane.jaffer@gov.ab.ca)

# International Governance Office

*... sharing knowledge to help other countries prosper*

