

Under the Technical Assistance Programme up to September 1958, more than 1,000 persons from many countries in the area had been received for training in Canada in a great variety of technical fields and 120 Canadian experts had been sent abroad for service in Colombo Plan countries in such fields as fisheries, refrigeration, marine biology, agriculture, soil erosion, vocational training, accountancy and the maintenance of tractors and agricultural machinery. Other Canadian experts had been employed on aerial resources survey teams and in the installation and operation of capital equipment. Equipment for technical training in various fields had also been supplied.

The Consultative Committee of the Colombo Plan held annual meetings at Singapore in 1955, at Wellington in 1956, at Saigon in 1957 and at Seattle in November 1958. At the Singapore meeting it was agreed that the Colombo Plan should be extended from July 1957 to June 1961. Reports of the Committee on progress and future plans are published after each annual meeting; each report also contains sections describing the activities of member countries.