



2011-2012 Working Groups and National Focus Group

As part of its ongoing consultation process, the CMF will be reconvening Working Groups and the National Focus Group to discuss certain policy issues in view of changes for the 2012-2013 programs.

As announced at the time of the release of the 2011-2012 Guidelines in December 2010, the CMF Board of Directors has identified Simplification and Rewarding Success as the primary strategic objectives which should guide the consultation process this year. Accordingly, the CMF has identified the following issues for discussion and review. Other sessions may be added subsequently as required.

Date	Time	City	Issue	Description
June 22, 2011	3-5 pm	Toronto	Multi-year approach	This Working Group will examine the issues resulting from the CMF's intention to transition to a multi-year approach to its activities, including a two-year cycle for the development of Program Guidelines. The option of moving to a two-year cycle for Performance Envelopes will also be considered.
August 25, 2011	1 – 4 pm	Montréal	Performance Envelopes	This Working Group will examine the Performance Envelope Factors and Weights and underlying methodologies to be used for 2012- 2013 envelope calculations.
Sept. 7, 2011	1 – 5 pm	Toronto	Simplification	In addition to the discussion on the multi-year approach, this Working Group will examine further potential avenues for simplification of the CMF's programs, ranging from the Program Guidelines to the application and contracting processes.
October 7, 2011	1 – 4 pm	Montréal	Investments and Recoupment	Also following up on the discussions held in 2010-2011, this Working Group will examine issues related to the CMF's use of equity investments in the Convergent Stream and recoupable investments in the Experimental Stream, and the current recoupment policies.
October 12, 2011	10 am - 12 noon	Montréal	Convergence Requirements	This Working Group will examine the various program requirements currently governing projects in the Convergent Stream.
October 19, 2011	1 – 3pm	Toronto	English Regional Projects	Following up on the discussions held in 2010-2011, this Working Group will examine both the definition of regional projects and the effectiveness of CMF's current mechanisms to support the development and production of regional projects.