

North American Science Diplomacy: Unpacking Recent Cross-Border Collabo

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1. The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) includes specific provisions for environmental cooperation. Which of the following is NOT a key environmental challenge addressed by the USMCA?

- A) Illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing
- B) Trafficking in timber, fish, and wildlife
- C) Harmful fisheries subsidies
- D) International regulation of deep-sea mining**

2. The Artemis Accords, an international agreement led by the United States, aims to foster cooperation in space exploration. Which of these is a primary goal of the Artemis Accords?

- A) Establishing a multinational human presence on the Moon**
- B) Developing orbital tourist resorts
- C) Creating a space-based military alliance
- D) Exclusively controlling lunar resources

3. Which initiative replaced the previous North American plans for avian and pandemic influenza, building on lessons learned from events like the COVID-19 pandemic?

- A) North American Preparedness for Animal and Human Pandemics Initiative (NAPAHPI)**
- B) The North American Health Security Act
- C) The Continental Disease Control Framework
- D) The Trilateral Pandemic Response Plan

4. Canada recently became associated with which major European Union research program, allowing Canadian researchers and organizations to participate on equal terms with EU counterparts?

- A) Horizon Europe's Pillar II**
- B) The European Research Council (ERC) program
- C) The Copernicus Programme
- D) The Galileo Programme

5. The recent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Canada and Mexico, signed by their respective research councils, aims to strengthen collaboration in several key areas. Which of these is NOT explicitly mentioned as a focus area in the MOU?

- A) Energy transition
- B) Artificial intelligence
- C) Quantum computing**
- D) Health technologies

6. Which of the following agreements, entered into force in July 2020, modernized and enhanced trilateral cooperation among the United States, Mexico, and Canada to address environmental challenges?

- A) The Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (ECA)**
- B) The North American Environmental Protection Pact
- C) The USMCA Environmental Mandate
- D) The Border Environmental Cooperation Commission Agreement

7. The USMCA includes provisions to combat trafficking in certain natural resources. Which of these is explicitly mentioned as a resource that countries commit to combat trafficking for?

- A) Timber and fish**
- B) Rare earth minerals
- C) Agricultural products
- D) Fossil fuels

8. The Artemis Accords are a set of principles for space exploration. These accords are designed to foster which of the following?

- A) Peaceful and cooperative space activities**
- B) Exclusive lunar mining rights for signatory nations
- C) The militarization of space
- D) A competitive race for space resources

9. The North American Preparedness for Animal and Human Pandemics Initiative (NAPAHPI) is a trilateral effort by Canada, the United States, and Mexico. What is a key goal of NAPAHPI?

- A) Strengthening regional health security and responding to public health threats**
- B) Developing a unified North American vaccine distribution system
- C) Establishing a joint pandemic research institute
- D) Creating a common border health protocol for all diseases

10. Mexico and Canada are deepening cooperation in areas like sustainability and clean energy under a framework aligned with which agreement?

- A) The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)**
- B) The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- C) The Canada-Mexico Strategic Partnership
- D) The Global Environmental Accord