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Although the Dutch Government has regular contacts with several African countries in the field of development co-operation, its contribution to production in the area of cartography is relatively modest.

The main activity is concentrated on education which, although not very spectacular, is being considered to be on the long run at least equally important as production since it tends to support the African countries in getting independent of external assistance.

The Dutch contribution has two aspects.

In the first place, the existence of the ITC offers the possibility for specialised studies in aerial-survey in its widest sense, including cartography. The majority of the courses are given in English but the photogrammetric courses also in the French language. In the second place, a fellowship programme takes care of the expenses of the individual students.

A third type of assistance of which a few examples could be quoted from the past, is taking shape in the form of a material and personnel contribution to the regional training centre for photogrammetry in Ife, Nigeria.

I am at the disposal of those distinguished delegates who might want to have more detailed information.