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Africa and the Middle East

Canada has, for years, been active in helping to find solutions to international conflicts in southern Africa and the Middle East. The predominance of the English and French languages in Africa, and Canada's position as part of the Commonwealth and La Francophonie, have led to special ties with these countries. These can be seen in the major joint development projects carried on there and the continual visits between Canadian and African leaders and officials. Because of the increased political and economic significance of several Middle Eastern countries, Canada's diplomatic relations in the area have taken on a new importance in recent years.