

KEITH A. BEZANSON

Keith A. Bezanson was born in Kingston, Ontario, in 1941. He is a graduate of Carleton University, Ottawa, and of Stanford University, California, and has dedicated his career to international development with NGOs and within the federal public service.

Mr. Bezanson joined the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in 1973. During his first years with the Agency, he worked in and later directed the East Africa Program. In 1978, he was appointed Director General responsible for all aspects of Canadian membership in multilateral development banks. From 1981 to 1985, he was Vice-President, Americas Branch.

In 1985, Mr. Bezanson was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Peru and Bolivia. Since 1988, he has been on a tour of duty with the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington as Administrative Manager responsible for the Bank's human and physical resources.

In the earlier part of his career, in the mid-1960s, Mr. Bezanson was a Canadian University Services Overseas (CUSO) volunteer in Nigeria, where he served as a secondary-school teacher and later worked on special assignment with the Ministry of Education. From 1970 to 1973, he directed a research project on school leavers in Ghana. In the period between his two African assignments, Mr. Bezanson attended the International Development Education Centre at Stanford University. His PhD thesis was on cognitive learning in Ghanaian schools.