

Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros

Date of Independence:	July 6, 1975
Capital:	Moroni
Population:	378,000 (1983)
Head of State:	His Excellency Ahmed Abdallah, President of the Republic
Economy:	Primarily agricultural; exporter of spices (cloves), copra, vanilla, other essences.

Canada/Comoros Relations: Canada and the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros established diplomatic relations following the Republic's independence in 1975. Canadian NGOs have carried out co-operation activities through francophone institutions, in particular to provide vocational training to Comoros nationals. Small projects are funded by development assistance funds administered by our embassy in Nairobi.

His Excellency Ahmed Abdallah: Born in 1919 in Domoni, Anjouan Island. Represented the Comoros in 1953 in the French Senate; elected President of the Comoros in 1972. Unilaterally declared independence from France on July 6, 1975, and became Head of State. Overthrown one month later in a coup. Went into exile in France, but returned to power in 1978 through another coup.