- Analyze the impact of Canada's policies and strategies on women in Africa; and
- Make recommendations on the focus of new Canadian policies and how best to enhance benefits to African women from the trade and investment activities.

## The Rationale for the Paper:

- Facilitation of the recognition of the significance of African women in economic participation of Africa in the global market;
- Support gender mainstreaming in Canada's foreign policy to fast track Africa's capacity for international business; and
- Fulfillment of our mandate as a Women's Business Organization to facilitate a stronger links between businesswomen in Canada and African countries to international political and economic agendas.