



# Policy Development Update on Canada—Africa Relations

## Africa Action Plan

G8 Personal Representatives for Africa (APRs) have completed five of six planned meetings for the development of the Africa Action Plan: London (October), Addis Ababa (December), Cape Town (February), Dakar (April), Maputo (May).

## Canada Fund for Africa

In the budget tabled on December 10, 2001, the Government of Canada announced the creation of a \$500-million fund to support the G8 Africa Action Plan and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

## The Prime Minister's Commitment

From April 3 to April 13, 2002, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien visited Africa. The visit provided an opportunity for the Prime Minister to speak with African partners about the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the G8 response. During his visit, the Prime Minister met with African heads of government, members of civil society, business representatives, and youth. The Prime Minister continues to reaffirm his commitment that Africa remain a principal focus of the Kananaskis Summit. He has also committed to increase Canada's development assistance by at least eight percent each year for the coming years.

## Outreach

### *Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade (SCFAIT)*

SCFAIT is expected to table its report on Summit priorities in Parliament in June. In preparing its report, the Committee conducted hearings across the country.

### *Civil Society Outreach*

Individual reports from over 25 outreach meetings across Canada are being posted progressively on the G8 website. Reports can be viewed at [www.g8.gc.ca/consults/infoshare/reports-e.asp](http://www.g8.gc.ca/consults/infoshare/reports-e.asp).

Examples include:

- Conference on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (Edmonton: March 23, 2002);
- University of Toronto's bilingual online course on the G8 and the Kananaskis Summit: [www.g8.utoronto.ca/g7/g8online/index.html](http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/g7/g8online/index.html) (May to August 2002);
- Roundtable on the Integration of Women in all aspects of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, organized by the Canadian and African Business Women's Alliance (CAABWA) (Montreal: May 6 and 7, 2002);
- Youth Roundtable on Kananaskis G8 Summit Priorities, facilitated by EDGE (Education and Development in a Global Environment): [www.chebucto.ns.ca/%7Eecoegypt/edge/mainE.html](http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/%7Eecoegypt/edge/mainE.html) (Halifax: May 11, 2002).

### *CIDA Outreach Fund*

The demand for funds from CIDA's \$500,000 Outreach Fund to increase awareness and promote dialogue on principles of the NEPAD in Africa has been high; the original Fund is nearly exhausted. In view of its success, CIDA is currently considering a second phase of the Fund. The Fund is for proposals from African civil society.

### *CIDA Outreach Event, Montreal: "Canada and Africa: A New Partnership"*

The May 4-5 Outreach event in Montreal brought together over 500 African and Canadian members of civil society, including the private sector, to discuss and raise awareness of the NEPAD. Susan Whelan, Minister for International Co-operation, hosted the event. Additional information on CIDA's NEPAD outreach activities can be obtained on the CIDA website ([www.acdi-cida.gc.ca](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca)). Information will also be posted on the current \$500,000 Outreach Fund.