



- Canada establish a DFI to facilitate Canadian investment and financing in Africa, in order to compete with other G8 countries.
- Canada encourage the creation of private equity funds for Africa, such as the American Modern Africa Fund.
- all future bilateral projects be driven by partnerships between Canadian and local African partners, as stated in NEPAD.
- CIDA return to its focus on infrastructure development, agriculture and food production.

The Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters hosted a workshop and collected views from 75 representatives of companies, NGOs, and individuals. Participating companies included Noramid Corporation, SNC-Lavalin, Modern African Fund Managers, ABC Netting, Society for International Development, Goodmans LLP, South African Airways, Placer Dome Inc., DeBeers Canada Exploration Inc., Hatch & Associates, BMO Nesbitt Burns, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin, Trow Consulting Engineers Ltd., Forum Ontario — Francophone Mondiale, Earth One, and Chevour International Enterprises. Government participants included DFAIT, Canadian Commercial Corporation, the High Commission for the Republic of South Africa, and the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade.

*The Canadian and African Business Women's Alliance recommended that:*

- the Africa Trade Strategy of Canada minimize the tier-trading system and promote trade among other countries so trade benefits are diversified across the continent.
- Canada, under the 1995 Textile Agreement, give greater exposure to African businesses, particularly regarding to quota exports.
- the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and CIDA form a joint policy coordination committee for policies towards partnership with Africa and that the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development be this committee's liaison to Canadian civil society and business.
- the gender equality sections of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and CIDA coordinate gender mainstreaming of foreign and trade policies as per the international agreements of which Canada is a signatory.
- the G8 Africa Action Plan establish a Framework for the Integration of Women in all activities and decision-making processes.
- Canada ensure adequate and balanced participation of women in its organizations, companies and political representatives.
- Canada establish a Development Finance Institution and adapt CIDA's Gender Equality Policy as part of its framework.
- Canada use its influence to ensure financial, sectoral and trade arrangements of the WTO and other international financial institutions do not create further barriers and disparities for Africa.
- the G8 Africa Action Plan include directions to Canadian and foreign corporations to respect land rights (specifically of women), indigenous knowledge, the environment and biodiversity.