

suggested that the emphasis should be placed on G8 and African governments agreeing on the minimum number of steps to get changes going, sharing ideas with the whole of Africa's populations and changing aid structures.

Chris Roberts, Executive Director of Africa Direct West, maintained that Canada has never had a sustained Africa policy. Canadian foreign policy actions are driven by various motivations that lead to fragmentation. Canada has no plan and limited staff and budget to deal with Africa. Issues of concern to Africa include infrastructure, immigration, citizenship, the "brain drain," and media representation. The pro-African constituency in Canada is fragmented and can be better utilized for greater private sector linkages. Africa needs, and African has asked for, sustainable and cooperative public and private sector partnerships. There is a need to develop a plan on how to include the private sector, especially small businesses, in Africa. The Kananaskis meeting is a unique opportunity for Canada to make a difference.

Dr. Susanne Soederberg, University of Alberta, commented that NEPAD is in principle an important initiative but Africans should be wary of promises that private investment will solve problems. NEPAD is set in the discourse of neoliberal globalization and accepts the neoclassical belief that increased financial liberalization will bring about economic growth. African countries should be wary of the promise that private financial flows can help developing countries achieve economic stability and sustainability, mainly by allowing these flows to enter Africa on the terms of powerful international interests, such as international financial markets and the United States. It is difficult to see how increasing private capital flows will yield better results than in South East Asia and Latin America without the imposition of some form of government regulation in ensure that finance invests in the real economy. The architects of NEPAD have failed to view globalization as a new phase of capitalism as opposed to some neutral, progressive and unstoppable force.

Based on the presentations and discussion of the symposium, a list of foreign policy recommendations was formulated and is presented at the conclusion of the report.