

6. That all policies, strategies, agreements and MOU's etc. towards or with Africa be centralized in one place. This will allow businesses and NGOs to have an accessible and comprehensive reference centre to facilitate their work with Africa. We suggest that the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development be the repository of all policies towards Africa.
7. We also recommend that resources be set aside to ensure the Centre's capacity to provide these services to other government departments and to civil society.

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#### **Gender Mainstreaming of DFAIT Policies:**

DFAIT has a gender mainstreaming focal point at the International Women's Equality Section (Human Rights, Humanitarian Affairs and International Women's Equality Division) whose function is to facilitate the development of gender equality and to integrate these issues into the foreign policy development work of the Department. It would be more beneficial to the development of gender equity policies beyond the facilitation of Canada's participation at international conferences on women, if this section would be more involved in specific foreign and trade policy development work.

The Status of Women takes a lead role at the International Conferences on Women, and there were also responsible for working for the gender mainstreaming of APEC. In Canada, the SWC coordinates work in gender mainstreaming with the various government departments.

#### *Recommendations:*

8. That all foreign and trade policies of DFAIT be gender mainstreamed with support of Status of Women Canada.
9. That the International Women's Equality Section at DFAIT and CIDA work jointly to coordinate the gender mainstreaming of foreign and trade policies as per the International agreements that Canada is a signatory to.
10. That DFAIT use the opportunity presented by the work on Africa Action Plan in response to NEPAD to initiate the gender mainstreaming of Canada's foreign and trade policies towards Africa.