



Republic of Mali

Date of independence:	September 22, 1960
Capital:	Bamako
Population:	7,270,000 (1983)
Head of State and	His Excellency General Moussa Traoré
Economy:	Cotton, groundnuts, livestock, fish, rice, millet

Canada/Mali Relations: Canada and Mali enjoy cordial relations based mainly on a development co-operation program. A number of ministerial visits have been made between the two countries. Trade relations are very limited and there is no indication they will increase. Canadian exports are related to the CIDA program and contracts that some Canadian firms have succeeded in obtaining with multilateral institutions. Canada is one of several countries participating in an ambitious project aimed at the integrated rural development of Kaarta, the cost of which is \$29.3 million. Canada is also participating at the regional level through construction of the Manantali dam (\$33 million).

His Excellency General Moussa Traoré: Born in 1936. Embarked on a military career in the French and then Malian army (1960). Promoted to lieutenant in 1964, assumed power in a coup d'état in 1968. Promoted to Brigadier-General in 1978 and elected President on June 9, 1985.