

## Appendix B: Conference Agenda

### Conference: "Democratic Transformation in Nigeria: Canadian Foreign Policy Options"

14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1999

Carleton University, Ottawa

20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dunton Tower

#### Proposed Agenda

April 14

9:00 a.m.

#### Welcome and Opening Remarks

Gary Kenny, Chair, Working Group on Nigeria

Stephen Lee, Director, Centre for Foreign Policy Development

Dr. G. Stuart Adam, V-P Academic, Carleton University

**Key Note Address:** "Creating a Political Environment that Encourages Civil Society Participation in Governance" Dr. M.T. Akobo, Director, Southern Minorities Movement on behalf of Dr. Beko Ransome-Kuti, Chairperson, Campaign for Democracy

**DFAIT Response:**

"Strengthening Canadian/Nigerian Relations" Ms. Sandelle Scrimshaw, Director General, Africa Bureau, DFAIT

10:30 a.m.

*BREAK*

11:00 a.m.

#### Plenary: Assessing the Emergent Political Environment

1. "Assessing Civil Society after the Military: New Opportunities, Continuing Constraints" - Ms. Toun Ilumoka, Empowerment and Action Research Centre, Lagos, Nigeria

2. "Strengthening Democratic Representation: Constitutional Debates, Federalism, Resource Allocation" - Prof. Peter Ekeh, S.U.N.Y., New York, USA

12:00 p.m.

*LUNCH*

1:00 p.m.

**Small Group Discussions: Strategies for Increasing Citizen Participation in Policy Making**

1:30 p.m.

**Plenary: Report back**

2:45 p.m.

*BREAK*

3:00 p.m.

**Plenary: Discussion and Recommendations**