

Kazakhstan



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	2007	Percentage change since 2006 (%)
Population	15.12 million	0.1
GDP	111.605 billion	8.5 (est)
Canadian Goods exports	182.773 million	50.0
Canadian Services exports	-	-
Canadian Goods imports	30.494 million	-17.8
Canadian Services imports	-	-
CDIA	-	-
FDI	-	-



Kazakhstan is strategically located for trade between the Far East, the Middle East, Russia and Europe. It is also playing an increasingly important role in regional energy supply as it possesses some of the world's largest reserves of uranium, oil and gas. The natural resources sector has spurred very strong economic growth (about 9.6% annually on average during the past five years), which has extended to the telecommunications, banking and construction sectors. Canada is an important investor in the country, mostly in the extractive industries.¹⁴

Canadian companies have also been successful in exporting agricultural equipment, and new opportunities are being realized in livestock.

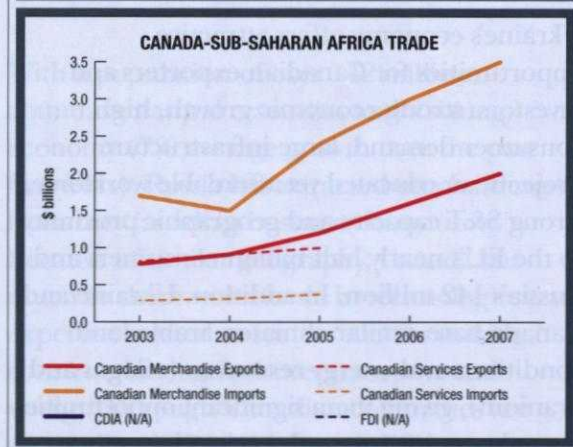
Canada concluded bilateral WTO accession negotiations with Kazakhstan in February 2008. Before acceding to the WTO, Kazakhstan will need to conclude bilateral negotiations with other interested members and complete the WTO multilateral working party process.

Sub-Saharan Africa

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2007	Percentage change since 2006 (%)
Population (est)	774.1 million	2.4
GDP (est)	\$904.7 billion	-
Canadian Merchandise exports	\$2.0 billion	25.7
Canadian Services exports	\$1.0 billion (2005)	-
Canadian Merchandise imports	\$3.5 billion	17.4
Canadian Services imports	\$375 million (2005)	-
CDIA	-	-
FDI	-	-

Note: Population and GDP do not include Somalia



¹⁴ www.nationalbank.kz/cont/publish121689_4423.xls