Canada-Ghana Relations

- Relations between Canada and Ghana reflect four decades of personal and official contacts that began through Canadian development assistance and through common membership in the United Nations and the Commonwealth.
- Canada has a longstanding development assistance program in Ghana, particularly in the north. Ghana receives Canada's largest aid program in sub-Saharan Africa. In 1999–2000, Canada provided \$42.9 million in official development assistance to Ghana.
- In recent years, ties have broadened to include trade and investment and participation in specialized activities, such as election observing and peacekeeping. Several Canadian ministers have visited Ghana, including the International Trade Minister in 1996 and the Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) in 1998 and 2001.
- Like Canada, Ghana strongly supports peacekeeping and contributes personnel to several United Nations peacekeeping operations. These include peacekeeping in Angola, Western Sahara, Tajikistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iraq—Kuwait, and Lebanon. About 1,000 Ghanaian soldiers have served under the Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group in Sierra Leone and continue to serve under the United Nations Mission to Sierra Leone.
- Canada and Ghana have a well-established partnership in Canada's
 Military Training Assistance Program, with Canada providing a variety of
 military training opportunities over the years.

Trade and investment

- Ghana is Canada's third largest export market in sub-Saharan Africa.
 Exports to Ghana in 2000 totalled \$57.8 million. Ghana's exports to
 Canada totalled \$15.8 million. While Ghana's investment in Canada in 2000 was negligible, Canadian investment in Ghana had a value of \$282 million.
- In recognition of the emerging markets in West Africa, and Ghana in particular, Canada opened a trade commissioner post in Accra in 1997.