



March 6, 2000

Dear Friends,

In partnership with the Africa Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development is pleased to invite you to a roundtable on Nigeria to be held **March 20, 2000, in Ottawa, from 9:30am to 4:30pm, at the Lord Elgin Hotel, 100 Elgin Street, Lady Elgin Room**. Space is limited, participants will be limited to only those who confirm their attendance (before March 16).

As an important player in Africa, Nigeria is a major influence in regional issues. Four themes will be addressed in the discussion:

- 1- The progress of democracy in Nigeria (remaining threats, legislative programme and legislative accomplishments, main challenges)
- 2- The progress of various reforms (constitution, institutions, economy, state security sector)
- 3- The role of Civil Society in democratic development (how civil society - Canadian and Nigerian- can contribute more efficiently to the democratic development of Nigeria, what can be done to reinforce civil society in Nigeria ?)
- 4- The role of Canada (What Canada can/should do at a bilateral level, multilateral level and in relations with civil society ?)

We hope to assemble experts from a number of sectors including: universities, business, NGO's, labour, government and youth. Attached you will find the agenda, the list of invitees, as well as information regarding your travel and reimbursement. Background papers will be available at the roundtable.

Please confirm your attendance with Yannick Lamonde by responding to this email or by phone at (613) 944-0391.

I look forward to seeing you on the 20th of March.

Sincerely,

Steven Lee  
Executive Director

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