

The Evian G8 Summit

At the G8 Summit in Evian, France, in 2003, Africa will again be a central focus. Leaders will review progress on their Africa Action Plan and discuss how to sustain dialogue on NEPAD with African partners and major donors.

G8 leaders will also discuss issues relating to G8 Africa Action Plan commitments: improving access to essential medicines, promoting research on neglected diseases, and replenishing the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; reducing agricultural subsidies and improving capacity to prevent or mitigate famine in Africa; measures to improve transparency in economic transactions involving natural resources; and steps to control the flow of small arms and light weapons. These issues relate to commitments in the G8 Africa Action Plan.

G8 leaders will also consider a joint G8–Africa plan to support Africa’s capacity to undertake peace support operations, which is a commitment of the G8 Africa Action Plan. Canada has played a leading role in drafting this plan.

The G8–NEPAD partnership is for the long term. So too, is Canada’s support for NEPAD. Since the Kananaskis Summit, Canada has made significant progress in implementing the commitments it made to the G8 Africa Action Plan. Canada remains committed to this new partnership in support of NEPAD and will continue to give government-wide priority to implementing the action plan.

Additional information on aspects of Canada’s progress in implementing its G8 Africa Action Plan commitments through the Canada Fund for Africa can be obtained from www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/canadafundforafrica.