

## FOREWORD

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Launched in November 2000, the Canadian and African Business Women's Alliance (CAABWA) is making its mark. For the past two years the young organization has been consolidating structures and relationships in Canada and in eight African countries.

Indeed, working with local women entrepreneurs' associations, CAABWA has been carrying needs analysis to determine the capacity and the potential areas for business linkages for African and Canadian women. The local socio-economic conditions, accessibility to resources and information, as well as opportunities to influence the decision-making process determine in large the capacity for establishing business ventures with African women.

CAABWA takes a strong advocacy role for African women in business, facilitating the recognition of the significant role of African women in economic growth, and the potential for growth through participation in global markets.

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