

- \$7 million for the Joint Integrated Technical Assistance Program of the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to support African countries in better participating in the multilateral trading system and in taking advantage of trade opportunities;
- \$8 million for the International Trade Centre, based in Geneva, Switzerland, and for Trade Facilitation Office Canada to provide practical assistance in enhancing the capacity of the African private sector to do business internationally and to promote their exports; and,
- \$5 million to develop the Africa Trade Policy Centre based at the Economic Commission for Africa, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in order to increase the number of qualified experts able to represent African interests in negotiating multilateral agreements, integrating trade into economic policy, and promoting trade.
- Canada has also provided \$1 million in equipment, training and technical support toward establishing a market for financial securities within the Economic and Monetary Union of West Africa, based in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Health and HIV/AIDS

NEPAD identifies the widespread incidence of communicable diseases in Africa — in particular, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria — as a major impediment to the continent's development. Canada has supported African efforts to ensure the health and well-being of the people of Africa.

- Canada has committed \$50 million to HIV/AIDS vaccine research in conjunction with the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative and the African AIDS Vaccine Partnership. This is in addition to existing Canadian support for the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The international vaccine initiative has advanced in developing and testing potential AIDS vaccines designed for Africa and has increased awareness, understanding and national involvement. Its work has received a boost with the Canadian contribution.

■ **\$50 million has been committed for research for an HIV/AIDS vaccine and additional support for HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention programs.**

■ **\$50 million has been committed to help eradicate polio by 2005.**