

Annex 2. *Electronic Sources of Information: Africa on the Web*

Much useful information pertaining to the development business and to specific countries can now be found on the "Internet". Using a personal computer, it is becoming easier and economical to electronically access on-line data bases and World Wide Web information sites created by agencies, governments, universities, companies and individuals. The African Development Bank is in the planning phases of creating a website which will likely be operational in 1997. In the meantime, there are many other electronic sources of information pertaining to development issues, the development business and to African countries. The following is a partial list; most of the sites contain many other cross-references, or links, to other relevant sites.

Canadian Sources

- *InfoCentre Bulletin Board*. Operated by DFAIT, this stand-alone on-line service contains project pipelines of the AfDB and other IFIs and other relevant documents. Dial 1-800-628-1581 within Canada or (613) 944-1581 in the Ottawa area. Service is free for registered users.
- *Government of Canada Home Page* (<http://canada.gc.ca>). This web site allows access to a broad range of federal and provincial government information.
- *DFAIT Home Page* (<http://www.dfait.maeci.gc.ca>). The central home page of DFAIT contains extensive document archives and active links to foreign policy materials.
- *Canadian International Development Agency* (http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/index_e.htm). CIDA's web site contains information on its programs and an impressive array of documents.
- *Virtual Library on International Development* (<http://www.synapse.net/~acdio3/indexg/welcome.htm>). Developed for CIDA, this comprehensive site received a 4-star rating by the McKinley Directory and is an excellent central starting point for connecting to a wide network of resources pertaining to development institutions, development trends and issues, and thematic resources by sector of activity.
- *International Development Research Centre* (<http://www.idrc.ca>).

Other Sources

- *African Studies on the Web* (www.sas.upenn.edu/search/AS-search.html). A comprehensive site with many links to other resources pertaining to Africa. A good central starting point.
- *Africa IntelWeb* (www.icg.org/intelweb/africa.html)
- *Foreign Government Resources* (www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/documents.center/foreign.html)
- *Trends in Developing Economies* (<http://www.ciesin.org/IC/wbank/tde-home.html>)
- *United Nations and other International Organizations* (<http://undcp.org/unlinks.html>)
- *The World Bank Public Information Centre* (<http://www.worldbank.org>)