



Public Participation in Foreign Policy/Public Diplomacy

- 9.1 The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade should seek opportunities for dialogue with African civil society while developing policy initiatives for Africa.
- 9.2 Canada should link with NGOs, women's organisations, unions and community groups with a view to building strong civil societies in Africa.
- 9.3 Africans should take on a leading role in developing the Africa Action Plan.
- 9.4 Canada should cultivate its domestic Africanist constituency.
- 9.5 Canada should encourage African communities to take an active role in Canadian projects in order for development strategies to grow from local capacities.
- 9.6 When implementing Canada's policies in Africa, Canadians of African descent must be involved. A systematic method must be used to inform them, involve them, and make use of their expertise and experience.
- 9.7 Canada should ensure a follow-up plan to the G8 Africa Action Plan and a means of monitoring its progress.

