

#### 4.0 PURPOSE FOR THE PAPER

- Individual surveys were conducted via telephone and personal interviews, and questionnaires were sent out by fax and email. A database was established to keep track of the organizations' and individuals' responses and opinions applicable and contributory to the paper. Follow-up interviews were conducted as well, as a method of further clarification and elaboration on the responses to the questionnaire.
- *Interviews:* As mentioned above, interviews were conducted with various individuals and with African officials, such as the former Egyptian Ambassador to Zambia, and other High Commissioners and Ambassadors.
- *Participation in events:* CAABWA has actively participated in government, as well as, private sector organized sessions. Participation included:
  - The co-sponsorship of the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters day event to discuss "Trade and Investment Issues in Doing Business Between Canada and Africa".

CAABWA made a presentation of the preliminary findings of the research to participants at the CME's consultation. The response to the findings was illuminating as several business owners had not been aware of many of the policies (e.g. Tax Treaties and FIPAs between Canada and a number of African countries).

- Attendance at the Toronto presentations on Kananaski's Summit 2002 and Africa Action Plan by the Ambassador, Robert Fowler.
- Participation at the consultation organized by the G8 Research Group at University of Toronto.