Strengthening institutions and governance

- committing \$28 million to develop skills and expertise in the public sector in countries committed to improving governance, including financial accountability and economic policy;
- committing \$9 million to strengthen the role of the parliamentary system in countries committed to political reform, including parliamentary oversight and reinforcing the role of women in government to be complemented by the participation of African and Canadian parliamentarians;
- committing \$6 million to help improve local governance by working with African partners to develop new approaches to providing basic community needs, such as access to water, sanitation and health;
- committing \$3 million to continue supporting NEPAD outreach activities that promote awareness and public discourse in Africa on the partnership;
- committing \$4 million to reinforce Pan-African conflict prevention and resolution by helping the new African Union (formerly the Organization for African Unity) to strengthen links with sub-regional organizations that develop and implement peace and security programs;

• committing \$15 million to strengthen regional security through targeted efforts in West Africa to help build safer communities;

Investing in the people and future of Africa

- doubling Canada's investment in basic education in Africa to \$100 million a year by 2005. This initiative will be financed through new and existing resources that are additional to the Canada Fund for Africa;
- committing \$50 million to help develop an HIV vaccine for Africa and for other Africa-based HIV/AIDS health research;
- committing \$50 million to help eradicate polio by collaborating with UNICEF and the World Health Organization and by challenging the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to eliminate the disease by 2005;
- doubling Canada's support by investing an additional \$40 million for Africa-specific research on agricultural productivity through the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, which will concentrate on the needs of small-scale farmers and women producers;