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AUSTRALIA TO HELP TRAIN BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS

CANBERRA, Australia, Reuter - Australia will help fund the training of black South Africans for managerial positions as part of its stand against apartheid, Foreign Affairs Minister Gareth Evans said Saturday.

Evans told a meeting of non-government aid representatives from Australia, Canada, Britain and South Africa that local contributions would help form an international training network, covering the Commonwealth and other countries.

The privately run scheme, modelled on similar successful projects in Canada and Britain, would enable black South Africans to obtain management experience denied them under apartheid.

"This community initiative for advanced training of black South Africans sends a strong international political signal directed at the inequities of apartheid," he said.

Evans said Australia would provide a large proportion of the estimated \$247,000 establishment costs for the proposed scheme over the next three years.

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