

*Institutional Swaps*

Institutional swaps between key municipal, provincial and federal departments, corporate elites and political institutions (such as political parties and Parliamentarians) can strengthen Canadian political and trade relations with democratizing states, while at the same time sharing Canadian experience with those countries. DFAIT can coordinate these institutional linkages between Canadian ministries which are relevant to the dissemination of Canada's democratic values. At the federal level: Department of Justice, Finance, Defence, Foreign Affairs, Canadian International Development Agency, International Development Research Centre and Parliament (to name only a few).

*Fostering International Ties*

Canada must encourage countries who have historically been isolated from the international community to make membership in regional and international organizations a domestic priority. In promoting international cooperation with such countries and their regional and international neighbours, Canada increases its trading opportunities, helps to open these states to democratizing influences and ultimately fosters international stability.

*Third Country Cooperation*

Canada should coordinate donor cooperation for the purposes of encouraging further democratization in new democracies. By working closely with third countries and the wider donor community, Canada can merge its resources with others to gain leverage in promoting democratic objectives.

*Respecting Rule of Law*

Canadian expertise and judicial institutions are well equipped to promote legal sharing and institutional approaches to law reform. This component is fundamental as it can reinforce all other elements of democratization. At the institutional level, rule of law ensures that institutions of government and the people act within the rules of game and are consistent.

*Participatory civil society*

Civil society-- in all its diversity-- must be included into the political and economic fold of the democracy. Participatory civil societies tend to feel they have something at stake in the continuity of that system. Voice and access gives them legitimacy within the democracy, as well the promise that some of their demands will be met. Canadian ODA contributes to this process in conjunction with NGOs, academics and special interest groups.

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