

Recommendations

A. Impacts on Women:

1. That a separate and independent study be undertaken to thoroughly analyse the Canadian Trade and Development Policies as well as International Commitments relating to Africa for their impact on African women.

B. Policy Setting, Coordination and Communication:

2. There should be linkages between various government policies and greater coherence amongst policies.
3. There is need for beneficiaries and for Canadian and African businesses to have a greater knowledge of policies. Greater dissemination and communication about the various Canadian policies is required. The Secretary of State for Africa should assume such communication and dissemination role.
4. That DFAIT and CIDA form a joint policy coordination committee for policies towards partnership with Africa. These policies need to balance economic policies (trade, investment, business sector development, etc.), social and sustainable development.
5. That the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development as it is already its role, be the liaison between the committee and the Canadian civil society and businesses operating or interested in operating in Africa.
6. That all policies, strategies, agreements and MOU's etc. towards or with Africa be centralized in one place. This will allow businesses and NGOs to have an accessible and comprehensive reference centre to facilitate their work with Africa. We suggest that the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development be the repository of all policies towards Africa.
7. We also recommend that resources be set aside to ensure the Centre's capacity to provide these services to other government departments and to civil society.

C. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Gender Mainstreaming of DFAIT Policies:

8. That all foreign and trade policies of DFAIT be gender mainstreamed with support of Status of Women Canada.
9. That the International Women's Equality Section at DFAIT and CIDA work jointly to coordinate the gender mainstreaming of foreign and trade policies as per the International agreements that Canada is a signatory to.