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REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE ON GOOD GOVERNANCE AND AFRICA

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Ottawa, Ontario

*The Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development organised a Roundtable on **Good Governance and Africa** on October 25, 2001. It was the first of two preparatory Roundtables in advance of the **National Forum on Canada's Foreign Relations**, this year on Africa. Experts, academics, NGOs and government officials met to address issues related to good governance in Africa and to recommend possible questions/issues for discussion at the National Forum. Among the participants were: Hon. Flora MacDonald (Partnership Africa Canada), Patrick Jacobs (First Secretary, South African High Commission), Opa Kapijimpanga (AFRODAD), Jacqueline Nkoyok (President of Partnership Africa Canada in Cameroon), Wisdom Tettey (University of Calgary), Malinda Smith (Athabasca University), Ted Dreger (The Parliamentary Centre), and Genevieve Gasser (Canadian International Development Agency). Steven Lee (Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development) chaired the meeting. The second preparatory Roundtable will examine Economic and Social Issues in Africa on November 15, 2001, in Ottawa.*

National Forum 2001:

- National Forum Meeting 1: Toronto, Ontario (January 25, 2002)
- National Forum Meeting 2: Montreal, Quebec (February 8, 2002)
- National Forum Meeting 3: Saint John, New Brunswick (February 15, 2002)
- National Forum Meeting 4: Vancouver, British Columbia (February 25, 2002)

For more information on this year's National Forum and reports from previous years, please visit:

<http://www.cfp-pec.gc.ca/NationalForum/nati-e.htm>

1. Introduction

Steve Lee (Chair) welcomed all the participants to the Roundtable. He said that the mandate of the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development is to help Canadians contribute to foreign policy making. Besides funding policy development projects and organising roundtables, the Centre holds the annual National Forum on Canada's International Relations. This year, the National Forum will contribute to the development of Canada's Africa policies and takes place in the context of both, the Prime Minister's Africa focus for the G-8 Summit agenda, and the *New Africa Initiative* (recently renamed *New Partnership for Africa's Development*) outlined by African leaders.

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