

- Canada has committed to doubling its investment in basic education in Africa to \$100 million a year by 2005. In line with this, Mozambique and Tanzania have already benefited from a specific allocation of \$50 million in additional support made available to each of them over five years.
- Significant resources have been committed to support African efforts to make use of information and communications technologies (ICTs) to accelerate economic and social growth, to enhance access to education, and to improve the provision of services to poor communities across the continent. Canada has committed \$35 million to three initiatives:
 - the e-Policy Resource Network for Africa, which will help countries develop strategies, policies and regulations relating to the ICT sector, and which will link African partners through a centre located at the Economic Commission for Africa, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;
 - the Connectivity Africa initiative, which supports research and development and innovative uses of ICTs, particularly in education, health, and economic and community development, and which involves a number of African partners along with the International Development Research Centre and the Open Knowledge Network; and
 - the Enblis entrepreneurial network, a not-for-profit initiative led by the private sector, whose mandate is to support small and medium-sized African enterprises in their application of ICTs.

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- Canada has committed an additional \$12 million to help the African Virtual University, based in Nairobi, Kenya, to expand its network of community learning centres and its distance-learning programs in disciplines relevant to NEPAD.