

## **Unlocking resources for Africa's development**

NEPAD seeks to improve the aid, trade and debt relationships between Africa and the rest of the world and to increase private capital flows to the continent. Canada has taken steps to provide and help generate additional public and private sector resources in each of these areas.

### **Official development assistance**

Canada has committed \$6 billion in official development assistance (ODA) for Africa in new and existing resources over the five-year period beginning with the Kananaskis Summit in 2002.

Canada established the \$500-million Canada Fund for Africa to support the objectives of NEPAD and the G8 Africa Action Plan. This is in addition to Canada's existing ODA for Africa, which amounts to about \$700 million a year. The Canada Fund for Africa became operational following the Kananaskis Summit, under the guidance of the Minister for International Co-operation. In its initial year of operation, ending March 31, 2003, the fund disbursed \$70 million.

- **Canada will provide \$6 billion in ODA to Africa over five years starting in 2002.**
- **Canada will double its international assistance by 2010. Half or more of this increase will go to Africa.**
- **The first \$1.4 billion increase was included in the February 2003 federal budget.**
- **A \$500 million Canada Fund for Africa was created in support of NEPAD and the G8 Africa Action Plan.**

At Kananaskis, the Prime Minister also committed to increasing international assistance by eight per cent a year and to directing half or more of these additional resources to Africa. Accordingly, the federal budget of February 2003 increased Canada's international assistance envelope through 2004-5 to double the assistance budget by 2010. This translates into an increase of \$1.4 billion in the 2002-3 fiscal year and the two subsequent years, of which half or more will be directed to Africa.