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### Our cover

In Tamale, Ghana, a plant supported by Canadian development assistance produces replacement parts for machinery used in mining and farming that would otherwise have to be imported. The Ghana Regional Appropriate Technology Industrial Service was established to promote small-scale industrial growth, improve incomes and employment opportunities and enhance the development of Ghana, which is a country of focus for Canada.

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# ABOUT THIS ISSUE

In the last two issues of *Canada World View*, we asked you to let us know what you think of and want from this publication: its ability to present Canada's foreign policy, represent its cultural and linguistic diversity and document its international programs and activities. We were pleased by how many took the time to send us such thoughtful replies. Readers appreciate the magazine's presentation of Canada's international involvement and foreign policy, its concise writing, attractive layout, theme issues and diverse topics. You want more balanced and in-depth coverage of a range of topics, personal stories of Canadians abroad and perspective not available elsewhere.

Beginning with this issue of *Canada World View*, almost entirely devoted to Canada's initiatives in and relationship with Africa, you will see the results of some of your comments and suggestions. Our theme responds to the results of a recent national survey undertaken by this Department in which Canadians identified Africa as being vitally important to Canada (29 percent of respondents identified the region as mattering most to them, only slightly less than those who chose the Americas). Two years after the G8 Summit at Kananaskis, we examine what's happening on the ground in Africa—and look critically at what more there is to do. We bring you into courtrooms, refugee camps, university campuses, a Canadian High Commission and even to outer space to see first-hand Canada's international contributions and initiatives. We highlight Canada's unique cultural ties to Africa, including a long literary tradition that has produced critically acclaimed new works. And to start, we present a new feature, ViewPoint, which provides some additional perspective on Canada's world view.

Many thanks for offering yours.

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