

- Canada could enhance and support horizontal synergies between Canadian and African NGOs working on advocacy and policy issues.
- Canada could help Africans harness ITCs for development and to bridge the digital divide. Areas of assistance could include:
 - e-commerce,
 - tele-health,
 - long-distance education.
- Canada could help build administrative capacity to implement the New Africa Initiative.
- Canada could share its experience with maintaining synergies and linkages among the various levels of government (i.e., federal, provincial, regional, municipal).
- Rather than attempting to do everything at once with negligible impact, Canada should focus on one issue/area such as, for instance: landmines (niche areas for “making a difference”).
- Canada could address issues identified by the New Africa Initiative. In particular, Canada could help the Secretariat meaningfully engage African civil society in the reform process.

On the international level, Canada could:

- respond to the call for a new set of relationships at the multilateral level by reassessing its roles and responsibilities in international organisations/fora (including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund) as well as bi-lateral relations with African countries
- play a role in ensuring that the pledges outlined in the NAI are fulfilled
- advocate on debt forgiveness.

At home we should strive to:

- raise the awareness of African issues and diffuse Afro-scepticism
- link with African civil society in order to consult on policy options for Canada
- build research and policy capacity on good governance issues in Africa.

In conclusion, three questions were posed for the National Forum participants:

1. How does Canada benefit from its relationship with Africa?
 2. Where will Africa be in the near future with respect to issues including: the progress of the NAI, regional and global economic integration, HIV/AIDS, and conflict resolution?
 3. How can Africans and Canadians relate to each other as global citizens in international fora?
- How close are issues of poverty and exclusion to those living on the “islands of prosperity” (including the Canadians and the Americans)?