

### III. ABSTRACT

The G8 and African Renewal Symposium was held on March 22 and 23, 2002 at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Its primary aim was public education on the G8, the African-led initiative known as the New Economic Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), and the G8 Africa Action Plan that flowed from it. The Symposium was organized around a keynote and several plenary sessions. Dr. N. Dlamini Zuma, South Africa's Minister of Foreign Affairs, delivered the keynote on Friday, March 22 on "The New Partnership for Africa's Development."

On the second day of the Symposium, Saturday, March 23, the speakers were drawn primarily from academe, civil society, government and the private sector, and from across Africa, Canada, and the US. There were three main plenary sessions, each with several notable speakers. The first plenary was on "NEPAD: Overview, Prospects and Challenges." It was divided into two sessions, each with different speakers. The second plenary explored "Options for Africa: Role of Government and Civil Society." The third and final plenary addressed the prospects for a "Global Partnership for an African Century." Based on the wealth of information presented and vigorously debated during the Symposium, 12 key recommendations were developed. These important policy recommendations are included at the end of this document.