

group has research centres headquartered in Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire; Nairobi, Kenya; and Ibadan, Nigeria.

- Canada has committed \$50 million to improve water management and access to fresh water and sanitation in Africa, working with various African partners and in conjunction with the Global Water Partnership, an international, non-governmental alliance that promotes integrated water-resources management.
- In May 2003, CIDA adopted a new policy statement, Promoting Sustainable Development Through Agriculture, which responds directly to three elements of the G8 Africa Action Plan: making support for agriculture a higher international priority; reducing poverty through sustainable productivity and enhanced competitiveness; and working to improve food security. As a result, Canada will increase its investment in the agricultural sector from a current level of about \$95 million annually to \$300 million in fiscal year 2005–6, to reach an annual investment of \$500 million by fiscal year 2007–8. Africa will benefit from a significant portion of these resources.
- Since the Kananaskis Summit in June 2002, Canada has responded to food shortages in Africa with more than \$100 million in humanitarian aid for the areas most severely affected, such as Southern and Eastern Africa. This includes over \$10 million for Angola and over \$40 million for Ethiopia.
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada has signed memorandums of understanding and research agreements with scientific institutions in Egypt and Ghana to facilitate collaborative research and training to address Africa's agricultural development research priorities. The Canadian Centre for Remote Sensing is working with the Committee for Earth Observation Satellites to promote and provide training on the use of earth observation to support sustainable development in Africa, including in the areas of agriculture and water.

### **Institutions and governance**

NEPAD emphasizes that democracy, good governance and human rights are also among the conditions for sustainable development in Africa. In establishing an African peer-review mechanism, African leaders have underscored the importance of transparent economic, corporate, and political governance.