



- 6.3 For weak and stable state systems, Canada should:
- support the process of government reforms and decision-making; abide by labour standards articulated by the ILO when supporting FDI in Africa;
 - promote transparency in government finance and accessibility of this information to citizens;
 - target public sector reforms, including more support for the Africa Capacity Building Foundation in Harare;
 - provide debt relief by accelerating the HIPC scheme to reduce debt with good performance;
 - continue to support public diplomacy through high-level visits to Africa, creating a visible connection with African leaders and countries;
 - strengthen regional economic centres such as the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the East African Community (EAC), and the Southern African Development Community (SADC);
 - promote freedom of the media; and
 - support local level initiatives.
- 6.4 Canada should punish Canadian companies that support corrupt governments.
- 6.5 Canada should promote democracy and punish regimes that undermine democracy.
- 6.6 Canada should help African states preserve their skilled civil service to prevent a 'brain drain' to private sector companies.
- 6.7 Canada should promote pluralism in African politics.
- 6.8 In order to remedy a previous overemphasis on the 'formal trappings of democracy' in Canadian policy initiatives, Canada should concentrate on resolving underlying causes that result in weak governance structures in Africa such as the lack of inclusive, broad-based governments.
- 6.9 Canada should work toward developing the organs of government (e.g. ombudsman, auditor general, and legal system) in order to institute appropriate checks and balances on governmental power.
- 6.10 Canada should support the development of justice systems, a necessary prerequisite for trade and investment.
- 6.11 Canada should work to ensure that independent magistrates form a part of the justice system.
- 6.12 Canada should not attempt to impose a Western system of government on African states.
- 6.13 Canada should combine macro-level policy efforts with grassroots-level initiatives.