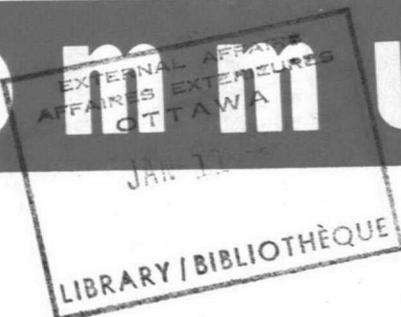




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CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE
CONCERTED ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA (CADA)

For the purpose of strengthening their economic assistance effort in sub-Sahara Africa, representatives of Belgium, Canada, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, the United Kingdom and the United States met a number of times in Paris, at the initiative of the French Government, in order to lay the groundwork for the co-ordination of their resources for joint projects within the framework of a Concerted Action for Development in Africa (CADA). They are prepared to consider widening the circle of donor countries to include other members of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

The six countries, conscious of Africa's need for substantial assistance from the international community, are resolved to take this necessity into account. They intend to pay particular attention to projects of a regional character which, for example, relate to opening up land-locked regions, to the development of agricultural resources or to the effects of natural disasters such as drought or tropical disease, since these areas of activity require efforts which are still only partially provided through existing national or international programmes.

They consider it indispensable that this new activity should be undertaken in the closest collaboration with the Africans concerned at the continental, regional or national level, so that the projects which are chosen for joint action are in conformity with the priorities set by the Africans themselves. This means that CADA must be consistent with existing international and national programmes.

Projects will be identified and carried out according to appropriate procedures, to be worked out during periodic meetings of representatives of donor countries; permanent liaison will be carried out by a group of officials meeting regularly in Paris, beginning January 1st, 1980.