



Policy Recommendations from National Forum on Africa Working Groups (Toronto, Montreal, Saint John and Vancouver)

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| <p>1.1 Canada needs to define its policies towards Africa more clearly.</p> <p>1.2 The Canadian government needs to devote more resources and attention to Africa. The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, should, for example, have a Secretary of State exclusively for Africa.</p> <p>1.3 While embarking on new projects and initiatives, Canada must strive to build on successes and strengths of those areas</p> | <p>where it is already acknowledged as the global leader. These include conflict diamonds and the eradication of landmines.</p> <p>1.4 The Canadian government should determine the key elements of development and focus Africa policy from that standpoint.</p> |
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Health/Social Issues

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| <p>2.1 Canada's development projects should be human centered, putting the needs of people as a primary priority. To this end, foreign policy should be centred on a hierarchy of basic needs.</p> <p>2.2 The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade should apply pressure on Canadian corporations active in Africa to provide social services for African communities.</p> <p>2.3 Canada should promote primary health care in a human rights framework, as well as research and development on African diseases, including malaria and tuberculosis.</p> | <p>2.4 Canada should focus on the alleviation of HIV/AIDS as a policy priority in its own right. To this end, Canada should ensure that affordable drugs for HIV/AIDS are available for the majority of Africans, particularly pregnant women.</p> <p>2.5 Canada should ensure that patent and licensing issues do not impede the availability of affordable HIV/AIDS drugs for the majority of Africans.</p> <p>2.6 Education for the prevention and spread of HIV/AIDS as well as appropriate technology transfer should form a major component of Canadian policy initiatives in Africa.</p> |
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