

March 8, 2002

Her Excellency (Name)
Address
Ottawa, Ontario

Your Excellency,

The Canadian and African Business Women's Alliance (CAABWA) is a non-profit national organization focusing on strengthening existing business and trade linkages between Canada and African countries and on opening new avenues of trade and investment for women entrepreneurs.

Launched since November 2000, CAABWA initiated its operations in the following African countries: Ghana, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda, and is expanding its base to other countries.

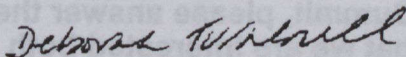
CAABWA-Canada is preparing a policy paper that is intended to guide the policy discussions of the Canadian government at the June 2002 G8 Summit at Kananaskis, Alberta, and beyond. Our focus is the impact on African women resulting from existing policies. Conversely, the impact resulting from lack of specific policies is also of importance to us. All policies with foreign context including trade and investment policies are being considered for analysis.

The contribution of African political representations would be invaluable to our research paper. To date we have surveyed Canadian and African NGOs, African women entrepreneurs' associations, private businesses and individuals.

We kindly request your embassy's participation in our survey. Enclosed is a short questionnaire designed to take the least amount of time possible. We would appreciate receiving responses by March 13, 2002 faxed to CAABWA at (905) 568-8330. Ms. Vuyiswa Keyi, Secretary and Ms. Dorothee Gizenga, Vice-Chair, CAABWA's Board of Directors, will be following up with your diplomatic representation by phone.

We thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours Sincerely,



Deborah Turnbull
Chair