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The Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development organized a roundtable on Nigeria on March 20, 2000, in Ottawa. The roundtable brought together experts and academics from Nigeria, Canada and elsewhere to discuss the current situation in Nigeria and to explore possible policy options for Canada. The roundtable examined the current situation in Nigeria, the role of civil society in Nigeria, and explored possible policy options for Canada.

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Steve Lee, opened the discussion by welcoming all to the roundtable. In particular, he thanked the Nigerian participants for making the great effort to come to Ottawa. The goal of the roundtable was to share information, to identify a common point of Nigerian history and to think together about possible Canadian approaches to the continuing political and economic transformation.

Following Steve Lee's remarks, the President of the High Commission to the world, chiefly published by the Nigerian government, for the past few years. The President has spent in Kaduna and other parts of the country. The President has also been involved in the kidnapping and killing of police officers in the north. The President has also been involved in the widespread destruction of property and the burning of schools. Obasanjo has apologized for the violence, but now the blame has shifted to other groups. The President is not doing enough. Some NGOs are doing good management. Nigeria's electricity, communication, and major industries contributing to such outcomes. Canada Business Group, the President was under another major significant development, the President has Power Africa to address Africa power shortages.

Prasanna Obasanjo continues to merit support as he approaches his first anniversary in office. However, reforms, especially economic reforms, are slower than initially anticipated. This

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