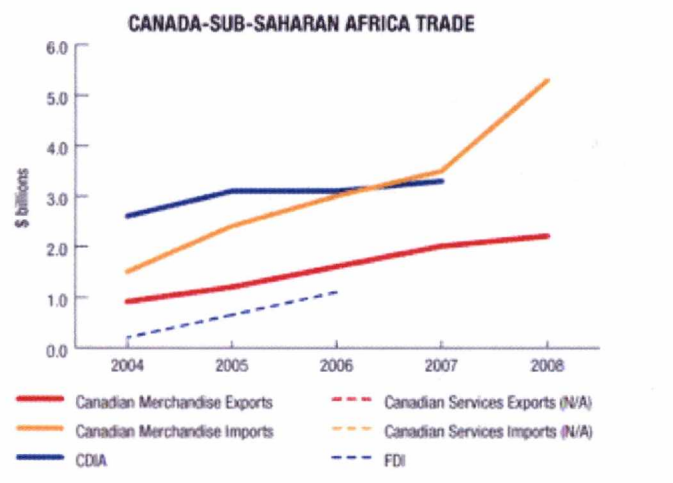


2008, Canadian firms were awarded 630 contracts financed by the World Bank through the International Development Agency and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. These contracts are valued at US\$336 million.

Mining is the face of Canada in many African countries, with Canadian investors making up the largest foreign and most important non-African investors in the continent's mining sector. Resource-based investments are the driving force behind the value-added components of the merchandise trade and services accounts. Much of the exploration and production technology, as well as the consulting engineering expertise, for these operations originates in Canada. Estimates from Natural Resources Canada indicate that, in 2008 cumulative Canadian mining assets in Africa were close to C\$20.8 billion.



To search for specific trade and investment barriers to this market, please use our [CIMAR Database on Foreign Commercial Barriers](#).

## Market Access Achievements

- A double taxation agreement was recently signed with Gabon.

## Market Access Plans and Priorities

- Develop FIPAs and double taxation agreements with key sub-Saharan countries.

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