

Table: IX. Summary of Key Recommendations for Canadian Foreign Policy

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Issues	Why	What	How	Who
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addressing basic needs within a process of empowerment (economic and political). - Capacity-building of Nigerian NGOs and CBOs. - Advocacy to enable Nigerian citizens and communities to hold politicians and political bodies accountable and responsive to their needs, and to enable citizens to actively contribute to policy-making. 	<p>A strong civil society is bedrock on which democracy is built, through active citizen participation.</p> <p>Why Canada?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is possible to build on demonstrated and proven work already in progress (DDFN). - Canadian civil society is actively engaged in support to Nigerian civil society, through WGN and partnerships. There is potential for more partnerships and shared Nigerian-Canadian experiences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civic education involving rights and responsibilities, issues of accountability, participation, equality, issues to promote peoples participation, contribution to policy as opposed to obedience to hierarchy. - Education to promote tolerance and respect for difference, pluralism, and a culture of debate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect to progressive Nigerian NGOs with an empowerment focus and grounded in the base of Nigerian society. - Funding integrated programs of community development and empowerment. - Promotion of Commonwealth, G7, and UN capacity-building of Nigerian civil society. - Focusing on the sectors of Nigerian society that tend to be most marginalized: e.g. according to geographic sector, gender and age. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CIDA through Bilateral and other programs - Canadian NGOs through direct programs - Canada Fund
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federalism -- reform the structure for allocation of power, responsibilities, and resources - Human Rights -- ensure application and respect for the Harare Declaration and other international documents 	<p>Constitutional reform is the key to a sustainable and effective political system.</p> <p>Why Canada?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant experience in constitutional reform in Canada. - Experienced and interested Canadian individuals and organizations to serve as resource people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civil society involvement: taking constitutional issues to the people at local levels through engaging civil society in constitutional debate, and support to building capacity of civil society to participate (e.g. drawing on models used in Kenya and Zimbabwe) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conditionality and incentives: in terms of Canadian bilateral policies and support for the Sovereign National Conference; in international fora such as G7, Commonwealth, the UN, multilateral institutions, etc. - Sharing experiences and resources: engaging in issues by Canadians and Canadian government (such as the Federations Forum) with Nigerian institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CIDA - Canadian NGOs and institutions - DFAIT