

- committing \$50 million to improve water management and access to water and sanitation through the Global Water Partnership;
- committing \$10 million to help develop, along with the African Development Bank, financially viable water and energy infrastructure projects; and
- committing up to \$1.5 million over three years to support work with Olympic Aid, an athlete-driven organization that promotes healthy child development in Africa through sport and play programs.

Canada is committed to increasing, untying and improving the effectiveness of its aid. This includes

- doubling official development assistance by the end of the decade through yearly eight per cent increases, at least half of which will be earmarked for Africa;
- meeting Canada's international commitments at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development to untie aid to least developed countries. Of particular relevance to Africa is Canada's intention to open certain development projects in these countries to competitive bidding — giving local suppliers an opportunity to develop expertise; and
- ensuring that the country meant to benefit from a Canadian development program is the driving force behind the program's strategies and priorities; and ensuring that program support from international partners is well co-ordinated.

Update on Canada's initiatives

Canada is well on the way to implementing the G8 Africa Action Plan. Some of the national initiatives announced at Kananaskis in support of the plan are already in place. The following are examples.

- As of Jan. 1, 2003, Canada dropped almost all tariff barriers for the world's 48 least developed countries, 34 of which are in sub-Saharan Africa.
- In November 2002, Canada's Minister of International Trade led a trade mission to Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa.
- In November 2002, the Minister for International Cooperation announced an additional \$100 million over the next five years toward improving basic education in Mozambique and Tanzania, countries with well-developed education plans.