

Canada–Egypt Relations

- Canada and Egypt established diplomatic relations and opened embassies in 1954. Since then, the two countries have enjoyed excellent relations and strengthened their political, economic and cultural ties. Both countries are members of the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Trade Organization. In addition, Egypt is an associate member of la Francophonie.
- Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister visited Egypt in 1996, 1997, and May 1999. The International Co-operation Minister visited Egypt in May 1999. In 1998, Egypt's Minister of State for Environmental Affairs visited Canada, returning in February 2000 to attend Globe 2000 in Vancouver, an international conference on business and the environment held every two years.
- Cultural and educational exchanges between the countries occur frequently. Canada is an important destination for Egyptian immigrants. Most of the Egyptian–Canadian population of 75,000 lives in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. Canada and Egypt also co-operate in the area of law enforcement and in 1997 signed an agreement on the transfer of sentenced persons.

Peace and Security

- The search for a just and comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East is key to Canadian–Egyptian relations, which continue to expand into new areas of co-operation. Both countries have worked closely in the Refugee Working Group, which Canada chairs, and both have helped to relocate Palestinian refugees from Canada Camp in the Sinai to Gaza.
- Canada first gained prominence in Egypt with its successful peacekeeping intervention in the 1956 Suez Canal crisis. Canada is currently active in two missions relating to Egypt. The United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, which includes 11 Canadian personnel, assists in supervising the general armistice agreements concluded separately between Israel and Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. The Multinational Force and Observers group, in which 30 Canadian Forces personnel serve, is an independent peacekeeping mission to prevent violations of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt and verify adherence of treaty provisions in accordance with the Camp David Accords.
- Egyptian and Canadian forces are serving together in peacekeeping operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Kosovo, East Timor and Bosnia–Herzegovina.