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The challenge

For most Canadians, Africa is a paradox: a continent in crisis—but a continent with immense human and natural resource potential that, if harnessed, could be the success story of the 21st century.

Africans are building the foundations for that historic opportunity. Democracy has taken root in many regions of the continent. Pan-African institutions are working together on critical issues such as peace and natural resource management. Community-based and volunteer organizations are growing in expertise and influence. A new generation of leaders is emerging, and women are playing an increasing role in public life.

Economic reforms in many countries are leading to rapid growth in small- and medium-sized businesses. The communications revolution has brought Africa's cultural traditions and intellectual achievements to the world, and Africans have never been more active in international dialogue and debates. All these trends are inspiring an energy and a sense of purpose across the continent. Perhaps most important, there is a commitment at the very highest level to the kinds of changes Africa needs to reach its potential and take its place in the international community.

Africa takes the lead

“Across the continent, Africans declare that we will no longer allow ourselves to be conditioned by circumstance. We will determine our own destiny and call on the rest of the world to complement our efforts.”

— New Partnership for Africa's Development

A group of progressive African leaders has developed a visionary plan to lift Africa out of poverty and into the global mainstream of sustainable growth

Africa's challenges

- *1 in 2 Africans lives on less than US\$1 a day.*
- *45 million African children are not in school.*
- *More than 26.6 million people are HIV-positive.*
- *1 in 5 Africans is affected by conflict.*
- *14 countries suffer water scarcity, and another 11 will join them by 2025.*
- *About 500 million hectares of land, 65 percent of it agricultural, has suffered soil degradation since 1950.*
- *Africa has 13 percent of the world's population, less than 1.6 percent of global trade, and less than 1 percent of global investments.*

Africa's progress

- *Since 1990, 42 of the 49 countries in sub-Saharan Africa have held multiparty elections.*
- *Tanzania is surpassing its enrolment targets for primary-school-age children, and has built some 16,000 new classrooms and more than 2,000 houses for teachers. Kenya has followed suit, with early indications of similar results.*
- *In Uganda, HIV infection rates have dropped from 14 percent to below 8 percent over the last decade, thanks to a national prevention and education program.*
- *After generations of conflict over water, 10 countries bordering the Nile River have come together to manage this precious resource for the benefit of all, especially the poorest, and the environment that sustains them.*

and development. The plan, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), confronts Africa's challenges directly and realistically. In it, Africans take full responsibility for their development and invite their partners throughout the world to work with them. The plan breaks new ground in several important ways:

- It is the first development plan for the continent to originate in Africa.
- It has been endorsed by 53 member countries of the African Union.
- It identifies good governance and conflict prevention as preconditions to progress in Africa.
- It outlines a new, more equal relationship with the industrialized countries.

NEPAD's objectives include eradicating poverty; investing in health, education and food security; bridging the digital divide; seeking new investment and access to new markets; and promoting the role of women in all aspects of Africa's development. Africa's leaders make clear their commitments to these objectives, and are working through the African Peer Review Mechanism to track progress and hold themselves accountable for results.

A new kind of partnership

“We in Africa see NEPAD as an important vision that will propel Africa forward.... We are not expecting a pot of gold, but partnership and investment.”

— Abdoulaye Wade, President of Senegal and one of the architects of NEPAD

Canada took a leadership role in responding to this bold initiative with the \$500-million Canada Fund for Africa. Launched at the G8¹ Summit, which was hosted by Canada in Kananaskis, Alberta, in June 2002, in support of the G8 Africa Action Plan, the Canada Fund for Africa has been fully allocated to specific initiatives, virtually all of which were up and running within 18 months of the Fund's inception. The Fund complements Canada's ongoing assistance program in Africa, which is administered by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The Canada Fund for Africa responds to NEPAD's invitation to build a new kind of partnership between Africans and the rest of the world. It links Canadian and African institutions, governments, communities, and businesses in relationships that are rooted in a common vision and based on mutual goals, mutual respect, and mutual accountability. Canada's efforts focus on those countries that demonstrate a commitment to NEPAD, including democracy, good governance, and human rights.

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¹ The G8 includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union.

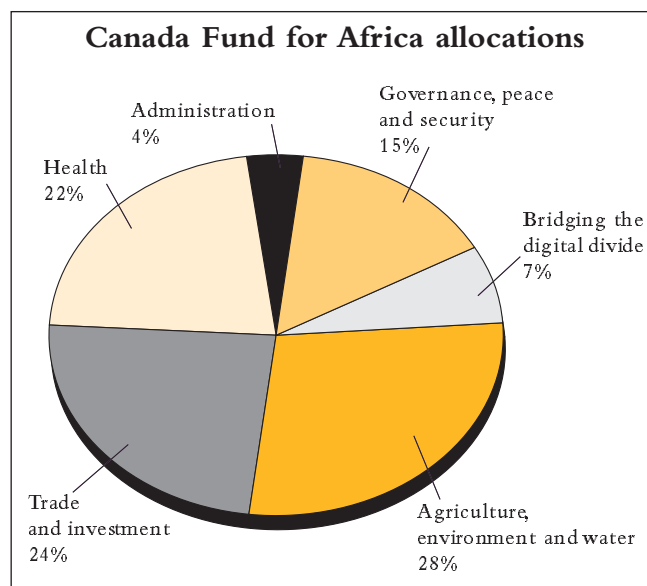
The Fund is designed to support bold new initiatives and predominantly large-scale programs that have a major impact on sustainable development in Africa. Driven by the priorities set out in NEPAD and developed to support the G8 Africa Action Plan, its objectives are to foster innovation and economic growth, strengthen African institutions, improve the well-being of future generations of Africans, and help Africans build their capacity to achieve their own development goals. The following is a brief sketch of the activities currently being supported by the Canada Fund for Africa.

Governance, peace, and security

Africans state categorically that development is impossible in a context of conflict and insecurity, and further, that it is unrealizable without true democracy, respect for human rights, peace, and good governance.

Increasingly, Africans are committed to improving the way in which their government, volunteer, and private sector institutions are run, and NEPAD draws special attention to the need to combat corruption, increase public participation in government, and improve the quality of financial management across the board. In addition, current reforms underway to increase responsibilities at the local level, where

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health, education, water supply, and other social services are delivered, provide an opportunity for African municipalities and local authorities to improve services to the poor and increase public participation in local government.

CIDA is already working with a number of African countries to improve governance and respect for human rights, especially through pan-African and regional organizations, as well as through support to civil society. NEPAD and the G8 Africa Action Plan both set the stage for more specific areas of cooperation that the Canada Fund for Africa is supporting:

- **Parliaments:** African legislatures, and research and public policy organizations are working with Canada's Parliamentary Centre to provide support and technical assistance to parliamentary networks and associations in three major areas: gender equality, anti-corruption measures, and poverty reduction. Among the major activities are training and capacity building to increase women's participation and influence, training for parliamentary committees and staff to fight

corruption (see box), training and research for parliamentary committees and staff on the process of formulating and implementing poverty reduction strategies, and enhancing the role of parliamentarians in implementing NEPAD programs. These activities will help Africans to improve oversight and legislative capacity as well as strengthen accountability in central governments (\$9 million).

“The fight against corruption ... is now a key pillar of my government’s contract with the Kenyan people.”

— President Mwai Kibaki of Kenya at the official opening of the First Regional Conference of the African Parliamentarians Network Against Corruption, in Nairobi, November 3, 2003

- **Local governance:** African municipalities and regional organizations are working with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to improve the ability of local governments to meet the needs of people and increase public participation and access to government. Among the countries involved are Mozambique, Ghana, Mali and Tanzania. In 2003, workshops in the latter three countries brought together all levels of government, traditional community leaders, municipal staff, and civil society representatives to explore ways of working together to ensure transparency, accountability, public participation, mobilization of resources, training and capacity building of officials, and inclusion of women in the newly decentralized governance systems in their countries (\$6 million).
- **The public service:** the African Capacity Building Foundation, a successful African-managed institution whose mission is to build

both human and institutional capacity for poverty reduction in Africa, is working to strengthen civil society’s capacity to participate in governance and increase effectiveness for service delivery within the public sector. It is also working to enhance its own programming

Fighting corruption

African leaders are mounting a major campaign against corruption through the African Parliamentarians Network against Corruption (APNAC), a key partner for the Canada Fund for Africa in its parliamentary strengthening program. APNAC is a rapidly growing association of like-minded parliamentarians that has already played an active role in encouraging governance reform in Africa.

In 2003, APNAC recognized President Mwai Kibaki of Kenya with its Leadership Against Corruption in Africa Award. Among the reforms are a new code of conduct for public-office holders, a compulsory annual declaration of wealth, reforms in justice, procurement and auditing, and the establishment of a commission to investigate cases and arrange recovery of illegally gained assets.

APNAC’s influence is spreading, and national chapters are now being formed across the continent, allowing parliamentarians to share lessons learned in fighting corruption, open government, citizen participation, funding of political parties, public procurement, and other critical governance issues.

to mobilize African, international, and Canadian expertise as it provides support in the areas of economic policy analysis, gender equality, financial management and accountability, national statistics, public sector management, and public participation in government (\$28 million).

- **Outreach for NEPAD:** Africans are determined to involve volunteer and community-based organizations, as well as the private sector and the general public, in making NEPAD a reality. The NEPAD Outreach Fund is helping build public awareness by supporting African efforts to foster dialogue and engagement in the reform program outlined in NEPAD. The objective of this Fund is to help make the content, process, and implementation of NEPAD more inclusive of the views and aspirations of African men and women. To date, the Fund has supported outreach activities in Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Senegal (see box), Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Proposals from Africa are currently being accepted at the Canada Fund for Africa Secretariat (\$2.5 million).

Broadcasting the voice of the people in Senegal

Radiobus, funded by the NEPAD Outreach Fund, is a mobile radio studio made from a converted school bus. Radiobus travelled to remote regions of Senegal to host and record village meetings in which participants discussed NEPAD, local governance, peace and security, health, education, economic development, and gender equality. The programs were then broadcast throughout Senegal and on community networks in other African countries.

The project was implemented by the Association sénégalaise pour la protection de l'environnement, de la santé des populations et des enfants en danger (Senegalese Association for the Protection of the Environment, Public Health and Children at Risk) and its Canadian partner, Le Micro Voyageur, with support from the Canada Fund for Africa.



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Peace and Security

G8 members, as well as other international partners, strongly support the high priority African leaders have attached to resolving and preventing conflict in Africa. The G8 Africa Action Plan commits members to support African efforts to engage more effectively in the prevention, management, and resolution of conflict and to address the needs of civilians:

- Canada is reinforcing the African Union's conflict-prevention and -resolution work by contributing to strengthening its peace and security mechanisms. This project will enhance the organization's ability to identify and respond effectively to emerging conflicts through better early warning systems, mediation efforts, and political coordination, as well as the creation of a Special Representative for the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict (\$4 million).
- The cross-border impacts of most conflicts in Africa call for regional approaches through such organizations as the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). The Canada/West Africa Peace and Security Initiative, managed as a collaborative effort among the Canada Fund for Africa, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and the Department of National Defence, is supporting ECOWAS and its member states to strengthen their capacity to manage peace support operations, control the proliferation of small arms and light weapons, and enhance community security through better policing (see box) (\$15 million).

“The course is a must for anyone who is interested in peacekeeping and working with ex-combatants ... the course was excellent and the difference is evident in my work ...”

— Dr. Moses Jarbo, participant at the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Course at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, inaugural session, November 10–21, 2003

Making West Africa a safer place

The Canada/West Africa Peace and Security Initiative is supporting:

- *training and technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the Economic Community of West African States to anticipate, manage, and resolve conflicts.*
- *the development and implementation of training programs at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre for military personnel and civilians participating in peace support operations through the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre. The Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre will help train Africans to deliver courses on all aspects of complex peacekeeping and peace support operations adapted to the needs of West Africa.*
- *the United Nations Development Programme's Arms for Development Project, which is working to remove small arms from communities in Sierra Leone in exchange for community development projects.*

Health

Every day in 2003, HIV/AIDS claimed almost 6,500 more African lives and infected an additional 8,700 people. NEPAD identifies HIV/AIDS as a major barrier to development. CIDA has identified the battle against HIV/AIDS as a program priority,² supporting national efforts to develop and implement HIV/AIDS strategies and community efforts to raise awareness and provide front-line services and care for those infected. NEPAD also notes the toll on African lives of many infectious diseases, including polio, which continues to affect children in a number of countries. The Canada Fund for Africa will supplement Canada's support to health care in Africa with these additional initiatives:

Stopping the major killers

- **HIV/AIDS:** A vaccine is one of the world's best hopes for ending this human tragedy, but only a small percentage of the world's research funds go to Africa, where 70 percent of the world's HIV-positive people live. Canada is supporting the work of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative and the African AIDS Vaccine Programme to facilitate vaccine trials and prepare communities for the acceptance and distribution of vaccines once they are available. This initiative strengthens African expertise and research facilities and enables them to develop vaccines most appropriate to the HIV strains prevalent in Africa. Among the activities being supported are advocacy, education, encouraging private sector participation in vaccine development, ensuring global access to new vaccines, and research and testing programs for new vaccine candidates (\$50 million).



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² Between 2000 and 2005, CIDA will have quadrupled its funding to support HIV/AIDS programming throughout the world.

- **Polio:** The world is only a few years away from eliminating polio and consigning it to history; but the polio virus is still present in a few countries, most of which are in Africa. Canada's contribution to the World Health Organization and UNICEF is helping meet the objective of certifying the world polio-free by 2005 through a focus on efforts in African countries. A recent resurgence of polio in Nigeria could affect as many as 15 million children. In the fall of 2003, mass immunization campaigns were mounted throughout the region to immunize all children at risk, and an aggressive program to improve immunization coverage in 2004 will build on those campaigns (\$50 million).

By conducting a number of trials ... simultaneously in Africa and Europe, IAVI hopes to reduce the time needed to evaluate the vaccine's potential. A preventive vaccine is the best hope to end the spread of a disease that infects 15,000 men, women and children worldwide every day.

—Dr. Seth Berkley, President and CEO of IAVI

International AIDS Vaccine Initiative begins trials of preventive HIV/AIDS vaccine

In November 2003, a Catholic priest from Pretoria and a 32-year-old mother of two from Soweto became the first volunteers to be immunized in South Africa's two AIDS vaccine trials. One of these trials is co-sponsored by the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) to test a candidate vaccine to prevent people from contracting the disease.

South Africa is the first African country to launch two AIDS vaccine trials of different candidates in the same month—a step that signals the country's strong commitment to AIDS vaccine research.

IAVI has also begun human trials in five other countries, including Kenya, Uganda, and the UK.

Agriculture, environment, and water

First things first: Food security

Agriculture is at the very heart of African life. Most Africans live and work in rural areas; yet, despite their immense natural resources, one African in three goes to bed hungry every night. The Canada Fund for Africa aims to increase agricultural production to help reduce poverty and hunger by addressing the needs of small producers, especially women, who grow most of the food consumed in Africa. Through the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, a network of 15 research centres around

Research in the 21st century: A new biosciences centre for East Africa

Africa is harnessing the promise of biotechnology to fight poverty, improve health and food security, and promote environmental sustainability at the new centre of excellence in biosciences for agriculture based at the International Livestock Research Institute in Nairobi, Kenya. Along with a network of African centres of excellence, it will bring together African scientists and their international colleagues to carry out the kind of research that can help develop new vaccines for animal diseases and better diagnostic tests for food safety. It will also allow scientists to map genes that can lead to stronger breeds and varieties, new products, and the application of new and improved natural resource management practices. It will form a hub for bioscience research in East and Central Africa with testing and disseminating new knowledge, and training and developing new knowledge creators, from the farmer in the field to the scientist in the lab (\$30 million).



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the world, the Canada Fund for Africa is supporting specialized programs that ensure gender-sensitive research in plant breeding and the management of crops and natural resources, improve livestock-feed resources and natural resource management in crop-livestock agriculture, improve biodiversity conservation and natural resource management, and develop alternative income-earning opportunities in mountainous areas. This project will build the capacity of research institutions to conduct and diffuse research to national research centres, women producers, and other small farmers (\$40 million).

Canada is also supporting, through the Canada Fund for Africa, the establishment of a biosciences centre based in Nairobi, Kenya (see box). This centre of excellence in biosciences for agriculture will serve

as a focal point for African scientists to develop their capacity to conduct, drive, and fund advanced bio-science research in key agricultural issues, including gender equality (\$30 million).

Water

Water is abundant in Africa, but poorly distributed. More than 300 million people do not have access to safe water and sanitation services, and close to half the population suffers from water-related diseases. A growing population, industrialization, desertification, unsustainable agricultural practices, and climate change all put pressure on water resources. Improving water management and access to water and sanitation is fundamental to sound development. It is the basis for health, food security, economic growth, and sustaining ecosystems. CIDA's aim is to support sustainable water resource management in order to contribute to improved access to water and sanitation, economic efficiency, and environmental sustainability through enhanced national and regional cooperation.

Canada is supporting water resource management through the Global Water Partnership, the African Water Facility, the African Development Bank, and UN-HABITAT's Water and Sanitation Trust Fund (see box) (\$50 million).

Managing a critical resource: Water in Africa

The Canada Fund for Africa is supporting:

- *the Global Water Partnership (GWP) in the preparation of national integrated water resources management plans and the integration of water issues into Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers in a select number of countries, and institutional development of existing and new GWP partnerships at the regional and country level in Africa (\$10 million).*
- *the African Water Facility, hosted by the African Development Bank (AfDB), to provide investment support for water resources management and water service provision at the national and regional level (\$20 million).*
- *the African Development Bank to support the application of its integrated water resources management policy, which will improve AfDB's capacity in the water sector and the promotion of good water-management practices (\$5 million); and*
- *UN-HABITAT's Water and Sanitation Trust Fund to improve water and sanitation governance in selected African cities. Focusing on the poor, it will promote water demand management, and education and awareness campaigns, and strengthen management capacity (\$15 million).*

Trade and investment

The Canada Fund for Africa responds directly to the desire of Africans to generate new economic growth, particularly by increasing their international trade and investment links. As of January 2003, Canada eliminated tariffs and quotas on most imports from 49 of the world's least-developed countries, 34 of which are in Africa. This trade policy initiative opens the door for African products and increases opportunities for its producers, workers, and entrepreneurs. The Canada Fund for Africa is helping through the following initiatives:

Trade: A series of measures is levelling the playing field by helping Africa increase its capacity to find new markets; develop new products; develop and implement trade strategies, policies, and programs; and negotiate new trade agreements (\$20 million).

- Sixteen African countries are accelerating the participation of their economies in the multi-lateral trading system through the Joint Integrated Technical Assistance Programme (JITAP), which is being implemented by the United Nations International Trade Centre, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the World Trade Organization. Working with governments and their institutions, business organizations, and civil society in dealing with trade issues, JITAP is strengthening the capacities of these countries through training in negotiating and implementing trade agreements and formulating trade policy (\$7 million).
- The United Nations International Trade Centre and Trade Facilitation Office Canada are working with Africans to improve their ability to do business internationally through PACT, the Programme for building African Capacity for

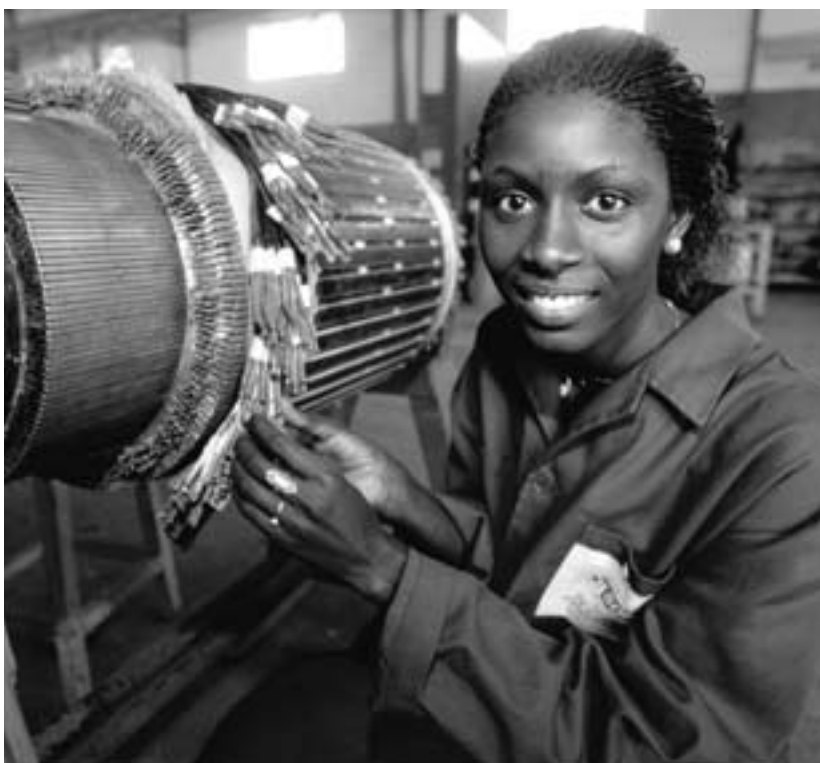
Supporting economic empowerment in South Africa

A key element of the South African government's development strategy is to increase the number of black South Africans who manage, own, and control the country's economy to address the widespread income disparities that continue to exist in the country. The Canada Fund for Africa supports this economic empowerment strategy through the trade-related technical assistance for African business provided under PACT, the Programme for building African Capacity for Trade.

In 2003, five delegates from the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry visited Canada to share expertise and best practices on support to trade associations and chambers of commerce. They also sought to establish business linkages and nurture commercial opportunities with Canadian partners. At the end of their tour, they signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters to explore the promotion of business opportunities and strengthen the linkages between their two organizations.

Trade. This involves the provision of technical assistance to small- and medium-sized African businesses and through the institutions which support them in order to enhance their competitiveness and promote concrete business opportunities (see box) (\$8 million).

- The establishment of the African Trade Policy Centre within the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa will increase the



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capacity of Africans to represent their interests in negotiating trade agreements, integrate trade into national economic policies, and promote trade both within Africa and with the rest of the world (\$5 million).

Investment: Africa receives less than 1 percent of all foreign direct investment worldwide. African leaders have stressed additional investment as a key element in ending this marginalization from the global economy. They have been particularly vocal in emphasizing a focus on infrastructure.

- Canada will stimulate African and foreign investment in the continent through the creation of the Canada Investment Fund for Africa. This Fund is a joint public-private sector initiative designed to provide risk capital for private investments in Africa that generate growth. Its aim is to channel at least \$200 million in additional investment into Africa. The Canada Fund for

Africa is contributing \$100 million, and the remainder will be raised from private sector partners. The Fund will operate in a commercially viable manner and will demonstrate good corporate social responsibility practices in all its operations.

- The African Development Bank is working to help African institutions and governments to develop viable infrastructure projects that can attract development financing in areas such as energy, transport, information and communication technologies, and water. The Canada Fund for Africa's contribution to the Bank's NEPAD-Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility provides critical technical advice and assistance in analyzing projects, assessing key opportunities, and encouraging project proponents to take new approaches such as private-public partnerships (\$10 million).

Bridging the digital divide

Africans are determined to harness the opportunities offered by information and communication technologies (ICTs) to accelerate economic growth, enhance education, and improve services to poor communities across the continent. The Fund supports expanded and effective use of ICTs through:

- **Connectivity:** Managed by the International Development Research Centre, the Connectivity Africa initiative is designed to promote connectivity and increase access and support for the creation of local content and applications in Africa. In partnership with African institutions, Connectivity Africa supports research, development, and effective uses of ICTs in innovative, low-cost applications (see box); connectivity across regions; and partnership and convergence (\$15 million).
- **Application of ICTs:** “Enablis” is a new not-for-profit organization whose mission is to drive economic development and to build self-sustaining businesses by supporting small- and medium-sized enterprises in their application of ICTs. Enablis provides a combination of seed money and mentoring/coaching assistance to help businesses link up with suppliers of ICT products and services and with organizations that support business development. Enablis also provides advice to governments on effective policies regarding ICTs, business, and trade (\$10 million).
- **An ICT-friendly environment:** The establishment of the e-Policy Resource Network for Africa, as part of an international network, is helping African countries develop strategies, policies, and regulations on ICTs. This includes both the establishment of an African regional centre at the United Nations Economic

“Jack” – plugging into life-saving information in Uganda

In remote communities in Uganda, where there are no fixed telephone lines and no regular access to electricity, doctors and other health care workers can't always access and share critical information. But thanks to “Jack,” an innovative wireless server the size of a thick textbook that uses long-lasting, industrial-grade batteries, health care delivery has just entered the 21st century.

The Jack servers, which are installed at health care facilities across the country, are linked to Uganda's well-established cell phone network. Health care workers access them through an infrared port on inexpensive handheld computers. They can retrieve or submit information, and send and receive e-mail, enabling them to read the latest medical journals, order and track supplies, consult with colleagues, and provide the most up-to-date treatment to their patients, no matter where they are.

“When health care workers see how empowering this data can be at the point of care, they are instantly hooked.”

– Dr. Nelson Sewankambo, Dean of Makerere University Medical School in Kampala

Commission for Africa in Ethiopia and the creation of the Canadian e-Policy Resource Centre, based in Ottawa. In conjunction with the rest of the Global e-Policy Resource Network, the African and Canadian centres address a wide range of subject areas, including e-commerce, legal and policy frameworks, telecommunications policy and regulation, Internet governance, e-government, and connectivity strategies (\$10 million).

Africa-Canada Youth Program

More than 60 percent of Africa's people are under the age of 24. This group represents a growing percentage of the population which, over the next 10–20 years, will result in a demographic “bulge,” creating pressure for employment, education, health services, and community recognition and leadership. The Canada Fund for Africa is providing youth from Africa with an opportunity to contribute to the world they will soon inherit:

- **The environment:** International exchange programs run by Canada World Youth enhance the knowledge and abilities of both African and Canadian youth to address environmental challenges in their communities. These exchanges also foster the engagement of Canadian youth in Africa's development. They focus on activities currently being implemented by local communities and on South-South exchanges that lay the groundwork for future collaboration among Africans (\$12 million).

- **HIV/AIDS:** Young people are the most vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, with an estimated 10 million youth and 3 million children under 15 living with HIV. Nevertheless, they also offer the greatest hope for changing the course of the epidemic—if given the tools and the support to do so. The Canadian Coalition on HIV/AIDS (CARE Canada, Foster Parents Plan, Save the Children, World Vision), which is currently supporting a wide range of community-based programs in Africa, is working with African organizations and young people to support local efforts, concentrating on issues facing youth, especially girls, who are most affected by the disease (\$12 million).
- **War-affected youth:** This program is helping rehabilitate and reintegrate war-affected children and youth into their communities by supporting community and school-based initiatives in health, education, skills training, and peacebuilding. Activities include assistance for victims of rape and torture, and trauma counselling for former child soldiers. War Child Canada and Defence for Children International – Canada are implementing this program in partnership with African organizations in Africa's most conflict-affected societies, such as Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, and Sudan, and northern Uganda (\$6 million).
- **Childhood development in refugee camps:** Refugee and returnee children face extraordinary barriers to healthy physical and psychological development. The Canada Fund for Africa is contributing to three SportWorks Programs in Angola, Kenya, and Sierra Leone. Run by Right to Play, these programs support the healthy development of children in refugee camps and returnee areas. The program builds community capacity to provide children with opportunities to engage in play, recreation, and sport that would otherwise be unavailable (\$1.5 million).



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The window of opportunity

There are prospects for real change in Africa. Africans have set the stage with a plan that has the support and commitment of all countries. The world community has agreed on specific goals in health, education, poverty reduction, environmental sustainability, human rights, and other areas to achieve real and lasting human development. The donor community has refined its tools for supporting the pursuit of these goals such as improved coordination among themselves, more direct linkages between their financial contributions and results on the ground, and more effective ways to strengthen the ability of partners to manage their own development. The donor community is also mobilizing financial, intellectual, and human resources in support of NEPAD and the new era in partnerships that it represents.



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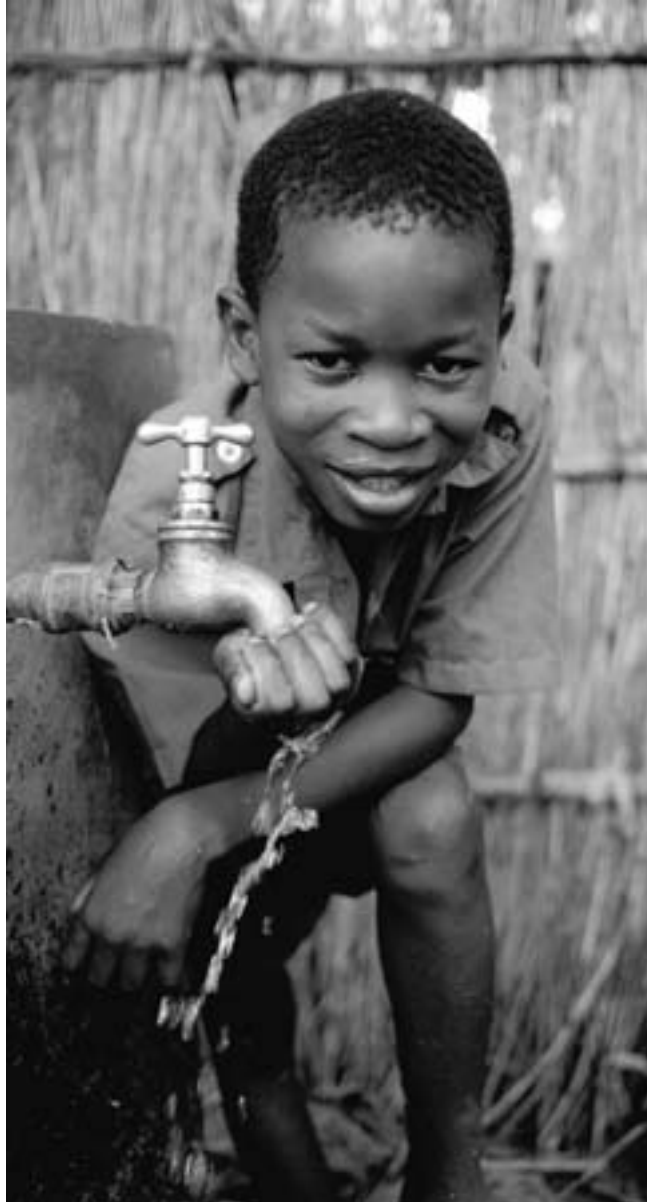
Through the Canada Fund for Africa, Canada is strongly committed to accompanying and supporting Africans as they lead, with renewed vigour and determination, their own national and regional efforts toward sustainable development. The Canada Fund for Africa supports the made-in-Africa vision and objectives of NEPAD and the response of Canada's partners in the G8. With this special Fund, Canada is taking advantage of a unique moment in time when resources, political will, and a clear and workable plan combine with a potential to change history, not just in Africa, but throughout the world.

“We wanted to say thank you very much ... for the practical steps that Canada has taken to translate the commitment to a renewal of the African continent ... into something real, to something actual and practical.”

—President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa

The Canada Fund for Africa: Summary of commitments

	Amount in millions of dollars
Governance, peace, and security	
Parliamentary strengthening	9
Local governance	6
Public sector capacity building	28
NEPAD outreach	2.5
African Union peace and security	4
West Africa peace and security	15
Health	
AIDS vaccine development	50
Polio eradication	50
Agriculture, environment, and water	
Agricultural research	40
Centre of excellence in biosciences	30
Water resource management	50
Trade and investment	
Joint Integrated Technical Assistance Programme	7
Building African trade capacity	8
African Trade Policy Centre	5
NEPAD-infrastructure Project Preparation Facility	10
Canada Investment Fund for Africa	100
Bridging the digital divide	
Connectivity Africa	15
Enablis	10
e-Policy Resource Network for Africa	10
Africa-Canada Youth Program	
Youth and the environment	12
Youth and HIV/AIDS	12
War-affected youth	6
Childhood development in refugee camps	1.5



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