

## Canada Champions Sustainable Economic Growth in Africa

### Canada announces support to boost economic growth, stimulate agricultural production and advance democracy in Africa

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Deepak Obhrai, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and for International Human Rights, today announced, on behalf of the Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of International Development and Minister for La Francophonie, Canada's contribution to a series of initiatives that will support sustainable economic growth, food security and good governance in Africa.

PS Obhrai made the announcement in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he attended the 22nd African Union Summit. The Summit's theme for 2014 is "Agriculture and Food Security". PS Obhrai also took part in meetings with several stakeholders including key partners, African Union and Ethiopian ministers, NGO representatives and Canadian private sector leaders.

PS Obhrai was in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on January 27 and 28.

#### Quick Facts

- PS Obhrai announced Canada's support to the [following projects](#):
  - Sustainable Economic Growth
    - Integrated Border Management Project (TradeMark East Africa)
    - Support to the African Union Commission
  - Food Security
    - Support to the Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund – Agribusiness in Africa Window (Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa)
  - Advancing Democracy
    - Civil Society Support Program (Irish Aid)

#### Quotes

"Canada is helping African entrepreneurs obtain the financing and skills they need to build successful businesses. By helping governments improve the management of cross-border trade in East Africa, Canada is addressing some of the constraints faced by entrepreneurs as they seek to grow their businesses and expand into new markets. In this way, Canada is helping to increase food security, create jobs, and improve incomes in communities and countries across Africa."

"Canada is working with businesses and governments in Africa to improve agricultural productivity and to increase trade in agricultural goods. These efforts will help to reduce poverty and improve food security, especially for the many women farmers and their families that depend on agriculture for their livelihoods."

- Parliamentary Secretary Deepak Obhrai on behalf of Christian Paradis, Minister of International Development and Minister for La Francophonie

**Associated Links**

- [New Canadian Initiatives in Sustainable Economic Growth, Food Security and Good Governance for Africa](#)