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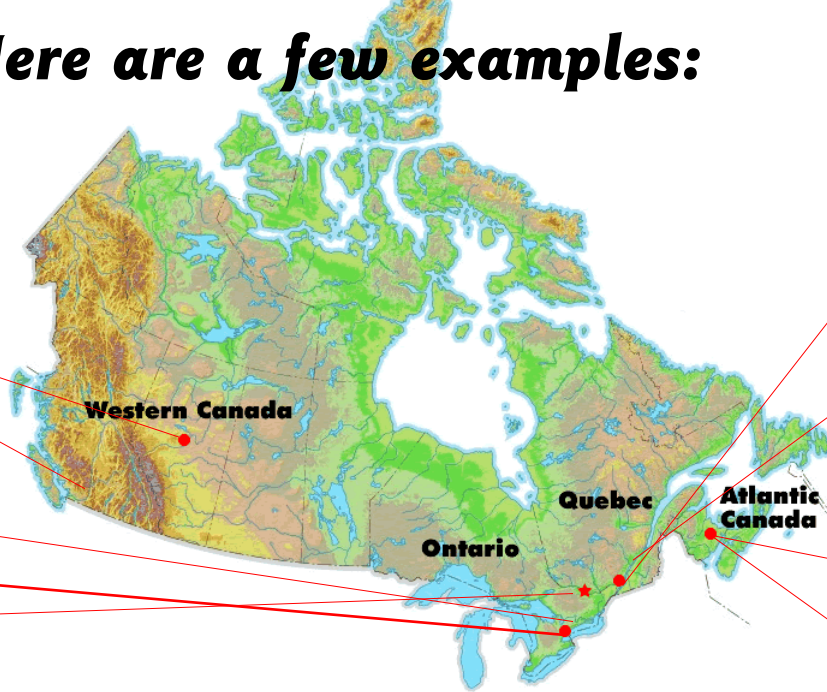
Canadians Succeed in Africa *Here are a few examples:*

Western Canada

Artumas
Access Nigeria

Ontario

Development
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Anyway Solutions
CPCS Transcom



Quebec

CRC Sogema
Developpement
International
Desjardins

Maritimes

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Colleges of
New Brunswick

Artumas Group Mtwara Energy Project nears Commissioning



ARTUMASGROUP A number of milestones have been reached on the Artumas Group Mtwara Energy Project. In addition to progress on the drilling program, Artumas has completed the gas production facilities, laid 27 km of terrestrial and marine pipeline, and completed the installation of six-2MW reciprocating gas engines at the power plant in the City of Mtwara.

Artumas has built a history of strong relationships with the Tanzanian government, acting in partnership with the people of Tanzania to realize access to reliable energy. On Saturday, November 18, 2006, His Excellency Jakaya Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, toured Artumas' facilities and laid a commemorative foundation stone at the power plant facility. Full commissioning of the power plant is expected in January 2007. •

Access Nigeria Follow-up from Nigeria Mission



Access Nigeria Consulting Inc provides a seamless service to North American individuals and companies seeking to invest in, or do business with Nigeria, and Nigerian companies and individuals seeking to expand their business interests into North America.

Following from the Canadian Council on Africa Energy Mission to Nigeria in February, Access Nigeria is assisting a service provider in the Nigerian oil & gas industry to set up an operation in Canada. At present, they are establishing the feasibility of the operation. Once this phase is complete, they will go on to finalize the business plan developed in conjunction with the client, and collaborate with them to see it successfully executed.

In discussions with a number of Nigerian companies during the Energy Mission, there was a keen interest in sourcing Canadian technical and joint venture partners, particularly in the oil & gas industry. Canadian companies who wish to explore this avenue of involvement in Nigeria are encouraged to contact Access Nigeria. •

Development Workshop Opens Microfinance Institution in Angola



Access to credit, which helps Angola's poor restore livelihoods destroyed by 30 years of war in the African nation, has become easier now Guelph area nonprofit has established the first microfinance institution in Angola. Development Workshop, a nonprofit committed to building community capacity in impoverished countries, announced that the Angolan authorities have approved the registration of KixiCrédito, an institution that provides the poor with financial services that are convenient, flexible, and affordable (often referred to as microfinance).

"KixiCrédito is also nearly self-sufficient," reports Glenn Paje, Executive Director of Development. As of the end of 2006, KixiCrédito was operating with an even balance sheet and during 2007 should become independent of international donor support. Sustainability is imperative if the institution is to provide long-term, secure access to financial services for Angola's poor and promote continued peace and prosperity. •

Anyway Solid Environmental Solutions leads in a US\$300M Project in Madagascar



Anyway Solid Environmental Solutions, a Metrontario Group of Canada subsidiary and the world leader in soil stabilization-based solutions for infrastructure and low cost housing, has been selected as the lead technology and training provider in a US\$300 million multi-faceted plan which will include thousands of houses and thousands of kilometers of roads in Madagascar.

The plan, to be funded by the government of Madagascar, is called the Madagascar Action Plan (MAP), and it presents a challenge to Anyway Solutions to transfer its technology and techniques for the construction of a house for every teacher in the island country, by the year 2012.

Through Delta Norway, its representative company in Madagascar, the Canadian company signed the agreement which specifies that Anyway Solutions will supply the technology and know-how for the construction of the houses and roads. This agreement was endorsed by none other than Madagascan President, Marc Ravlomanama, who specified that Anyway Solutions' technology should lead the project.

Anyway Solutions developed Anyway's Natural Soil Stabilizer, a unique, patented soil stabilization technology registered worldwide. It is used to minimize the impact of infra-

structure projects on the environment and has been awarded a 'Green Label' for its environmental compatibility. In keeping with the core principles of The Metrontario Group, Anyway values good corporate citizenship and seeks to contribute to the greater economic, social and environmental well-being of each country in which it is active.

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CPCS Transcom Working on Abuja Mass Transit Project



CPCS is constantly looking for opportunities to expand its urban transit sector. In 2004, the Federal Capital Territory Administration of Nigeria decided to create a Mass Transit System for the Federal Capital Territory Abuja. CPCS was contracted in 2006 to conduct a feasibility study and conceptual design of Lots 1, 2 & 3 of the Abuja Mass Transit Network.

The Abuja Mass Transit Project is proceeding apace, and Phase I, which consists of incorporating conceptual designs, a feasibility and financial analysis, institutional strengthening and a concession strategy, is almost complete.

The client has decided on a rail-based system, and CPCS consultants were able to fast-track conceptual design on that basis. CPCS also assisted in negotiation with the chosen infrastructure contractor to rationalize contract cost and system designs. •

CMHC, DID & CRC Sogema win IFC Contract



Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), with its partners Développement International Desjardins (DID) and CRC Sogema, have been awarded a contract by the International Financial Corporation (IFC) to carry out a housing finance gap analysis in Cameroon, Senegal, Mali and Rwanda

Housing finance markets in most of Sub-Saharan Africa are significantly underdeveloped despite the economic and social importance of housing. This diagnostic study is an important first step for the IFC's program in Sub-Saharan Africa where it is working to facilitate the availability of affordable mortgage finance in low and middle income segments of the population. The IFC is currently actively pursuing housing finance-related investments and technical assistance projects in several English-speaking African countries but has been hesitant to do so in Francophone Africa due to

a lack of sufficient understanding of the housing finance markets in those countries. This study will help fill that gap and enable the IFC to identify potential opportunities for housing finance investments and TA in the region. •

DID and its Partners Invest in the Development of Agricultural Credit



In the rural regions, the members of the financial cooperatives supported by Development International Desjardins (DID) are for the most part of the agricultural producers.

This is to better answer their specific needs that DID launched, by basing itself on its (the largest agricultural lender in Quebec) and with the financial support of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Project to Professionalize Agricultural Credit Methods (PMCA). Led in association with several partner financial institutions of DID, this project took place in Burkina Faso, Tanzania and Madagascar.

In Burkina Faso and in Tanzania, PMCA setup a program of credit for the marketing of the rice and some corn, or credit "storage". Thanks to this initiative, farmers can receive an advance to cover the needs of their family and pursue their activities without being obliged to sell their harvest when their value is the lowest. They therefore obtain better returns and manage to better exploit the potential of their land and the market.

In Madagascar, where the agricultural credit serves especially for financing the rizicole production, the credit "against season" was conceived to reach new clientele and diversify the risks incurred by the loaning credit offices. Besides encouraging the alternative agricultural production, it allows a clientele consisted mainly of women to improve the productivity of their field and, in consequence, their living conditions.

These results were shared during a workshop which was held last March in Mali and which gathered about fifty partners of DID stemming from 12 countries. This event equally allowed to show the second phase of the project PMCA, which will start in August 2007 and will concern among others risk management and the fair business. •

The Lyceum Group Brings Potable Water Solution to Rural Guinea



The Lyceum Group/Le Groupe Lyceum (LGL) is working on a small but important project to bring potable water to remote regions in Guinea. LGL will select, hire, train

and deploy over 36 local people to work with supervisors for a unique project being run in Guinea by PSI Guinea (Population Services International), an American NGO. The project is master-funded by UNICEF, and PSI decided to subcontract LGL to handle the two remote districts of N'Zerekore and Lola.

The project revolves around a unique way to make potable water from almost any soiled or brackish source. Small bottles of biodegradable chemicals are first "sampled" to rural and urban residents. They are taught its use and benefit in small forums (or village gatherings), given it to try for a month, and then encouraged to pay a vastly subsidized price for continued use. This novel method obviates expensive and hard-to-maintain wells, but meets donor and service provider objectives of reducing water-borne microbial contamination. Where such programs have been run in the past, there is a drastic reduction of diarrhea symptoms and causative gastrointestinal diseases.

PSI and LGL worked for one year before funding and civic safety allowed the project to start. •

The Professions Relating to Non-Formal Education in Burkina Faso



The Educational Centres of Non-formal Basis (CEBNF) were created in Burkina Faso to teach to read and write in their mother tongue to school drop-outs from 12 to 15

years old and allow them to introduce them to community's knowledge. The Ministry of Basic Education and the Elimination of Illiteracy (MEBA) in the Burkina concluded that the passing on of knowledge were too theoretical and had to be adapted to the reality of the young people.

Thanks to the financing of the Program of Partnership of the Canadian Schools of the Association of the Community Colleges of Canada, an experimental project over five years began in the CEBNF of Sakoula, in June, 2003 with the cooperation of the Community Colleges of Nouveau-Brunswick (CCNB), via their three campus of Bathurst, Edmundston and Dieppe.

In partnership with the MEBA, the CCNB implemented practical modules relating to the agriculture and breeding professions for sustainable local development. The training of the trainers in a modular approach and in the elaboration of practical modules were integrated into the CEBNF programs.

The project was fast growing thanks to the involvement of the villagers. In Canada, this project allowed to integrate students in primary and secondary level. This ended in twinings of schools, conferences, in collection and in sending of material and equipments to Burkina Faso. •