

Call for papers

Relations between Canada, Quebec and Africa since 1960: Achievements and Prospects

A French symposium organized within the framework of the 78th Congress of ACFAS on the theme «Discover today what will be tomorrow» at Université de Montréal, from 10 to 14 May 2010.

2010 marks the 50th anniversary of African Independence. Since the early 1960s, and perhaps earlier, Canada, a bilingual country with a federal system of government and no colonial ambitions, has established positive relations with the African continent. This is not to say that relations between the two have been without tension. The province of Quebec's openness to various francophone countries of Africa have not always been well received by Ottawa. In any event, a review of these fifty years of African–Canadian and African–Quebec partnerships is well overdue.

We need to chart and discuss the effects of African governmental actions in the context of Canadian and Quebecois initiatives, including CIDA, religious missions, NGOs and mining companies. The intention should be the ability to chart the future of cooperation between Canada, Quebec and Africa. The fundamental to be asked is to what extent is Africa still a priority for Canadians and Quebecois? But we also need to understand why Africa has been decreasing interest in Quebec? Further, why is it that Canada, despite its international reputation, is unable to impose itself in the Continent as a major player as have old colonial powers like the United States and China? What have been the effects upon the political lives of Canadians and Quebecois of major social and political changes experienced by Africans such as the fall of dictatorships, efforts to overhaul the state and democratization? Finally, will it be possible for Canadians and Quebecois to sustain their positive relationship with Africa beyond developmental assistance and humanitarian aid?

The conference solicits viewpoints from a historical perspective based upon following themes:

- *Political and Diplomatic Relations
- *Economic and Legal Dimensions
- *International Law
- *Cooperation and Development
- *Religious and Cultural Exchange
- *Francophone and Quebec-Canada Relations*

Proposals for papers, resumes, cv and contact information of those interested are to send *before January 25, 2010* at :
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