



Lucien Bradet, President & C.E.O., Canadian Council on Africa wishes to announce the appointment effective Monday, February 20, of Mary Ogilvie, to the position of Vice President, Atlantic Provinces. CCAfrica is dedicated to promoting trade and investment between the Canadian and African business communities, with a focus on capacity building. CCAfrica is a member driven non-profit organization serving private and public sector organizations with business interests in Africa. Atlantic members of CCAfrica include AB Consultants, Accesstec, Black Business Initiative, Cape Breton University, Community Colleges in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Dalhousie University, Embleton Travel, Forest Protection Limited, Gilbert McGloan Gillis, The Lyceum Group, NordSud.org, Régénord, Terradigm, Saint Mary's University, University of Moncton, University of New Brunswick.

Board members from the Atlantic Provinces are Dr. Ken Keirstead of Fredericton, vice chair, Mr. Adelin Blanchard of Caraquet, and Mr. Rustum Southwell of Halifax.

Mary's responsibilities will include networking with Atlantic organizations that would have an interest to develop relations with Africa, recruiting new members for CCAfrica and ensuring good relations with these members, as well as organizing events similar to the two very successful events held in 2005. 'Working in Africa' was held in March, and "New Brunswick in Africa" was held in November. Mary will also be participating in the development and the work of CCAfrica committees.

Mary is a survey engineer with experience in land information systems and electronic government. She has presented papers in many countries of the world, including South Africa. She held a senior management position in Service New Brunswick until she retired in 2004. During that time she was responsible for development of electronic services for various government offerings, such as land information, motor vehicle registrations and common business number. In this capacity she managed relations with vendors and various government departments, as well as with potential software purchasers.

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