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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

The South African government yesterday, November 23 signed a General Agreement on Development Cooperation with its Canadian counterpart. The Agreement provides a legal framework for development cooperation and the implementation of the Country Development Programming Framework (CDPF).

South Africa has demonstrated a strong institutional and political resolve in tackling critical issues such as inequality and continues to make great strides in improving access to social services for the poor and vulnerable despite some challenges.

The agreement outlines the bilateral programme between South Africa and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) which will focus on strengthening service delivery with regard to issues around HIV and AIDS, governance and rural development, as well as leveraging South Africa's knowledge to promote regional cooperation.

Amongst others the bilateral program seeks to contribute to the stabilisation and reduction of the incidence and prevalence of HIV and AIDS, improving access to social and economic services through governance initiatives and assisting small-scale farmers with technical and organisational services. CIDA will continue to support South African initiatives that contribute to regional stability and cooperation.

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