



Lucien Bradet

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Lucien Bradet is president and CEO of the Canadian Council on Africa (CCAfrica). The primary mission of CCAfrica, which was created in 2002, following the Kananaskis G8 Summit in Alberta, is to promote institutional relations between Canada and Africa to further Africa's economic development. The council brings together 150 Canadian companies, universities, colleges, NGOs and federal and provincial government departments and agencies.

Appointed to CCAfrica in early 2004, Lucien Bradet joined this association with extensive experience in Africa to his credit. He did his university studies in sociology and anthropology at

the Université nationale du Rwanda (established during the 1960s with the assistance of the Canadian government) and at the University of Ottawa. He then joined the Department of Foreign Affairs, and subsequently held numerous management positions at Information Canada, the Department of Regional Economic Expansion and Industry Canada, where the Sustainable Cities Initiative was developed and implemented. This project has been initiated in 16 cities on three continents, including four large African cities: Algiers, Durban, Dakar and Dar es Salaam. In the last seven years, he has lead more than 15 missions to over 20 African countries, including Senegal, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda. He has convened a number of major conferences in Canada on the economic development of Africa, and assisted many countries in their dialogue with Canadians.

In addition to his professional career, Lucien Bradet has always been dedicated to the community. He worked as an elected school trustee in the education sector for over 16 years, sat on three boards in the health sector, and was chairman of the board for Nouvelle Scène, a cultural organization bringing together four professional theatre groups. He is also chairman of the Radio communautaire francophone d'Ottawa (RCFO) and vice-president of the Réseau des services de santé en français de l'Est de l'Ontario. His contributions have been recognized on several occasions: among other things, he was made an Officer of the Ordre de la Pléiade, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to la Francophonie. In 2009, he was named Ottawa's Person of the Year for his contributions to the francophone community.
