

The Hon. Bev Oda,  
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**Hard copy by mail**

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Dear Minister Oda:

I am writing to request that you sign the 2009-2013 KAIROS proposal. Anything less than this is simply wrong.

Please don't tell me that KAIROS' work in the Sudan, the Congo, the Philippines, and Columbia does not "fit CIDA priorities."

Please don't tell me that your staff at CIDA worked with the KAIROS staff for several months to make ready the proposal for your signature only to produce a document that does not "fit CIDA priorities."

Please don't tell me that you made your decision in the full knowledge of the excellent record of KAIROS and its predecessor organizations back to the mid-'70s in delivering top quality work for every program dollar.

Please tell me that you have now studied the file carefully and realize that in KAIROS you have a reliable, trustworthy organization which you are happy to support.

May you enable CIDA to continue its many years of working collaboratively with KAIROS on projects in the Global South, projects that have always, and continue, to further CIDA's priorities.

In anticipation of your decision, Minister Oda,

Anne O'Brien  
Toronto, ON

CC  
The Rt. Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada  
Margaret Biggs, President of CIDA  
The Honourable Bob Rae, MP