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MEDIA ADVISORY

**MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO DISCUSS CANADA'S
CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOREIGN AID FOR EDUCATION AT OISE/UT**

The Honourable Minister Aileen Carroll will discuss Canada's efforts to strengthen basic education in developing countries on **Monday, April 25, 5:30 p.m.**, at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the U of T (OISE/UT), 252 Bloor St. W. Her remarks will also launch a one-day conference on foreign aid and education on **Tuesday, April 26, 8:45 a.m.**, at the David and Vivian Campbell Conference Facility, Munk Centre for International Studies, 1 Devonshire Place.

The minister will address representatives from organizations in Canada, Africa, the office of the United Nations Special Envoy and members of Parliament. A group of students from OISE/UT's Institute of Child Study and Princess Margaret Junior School will present to Carroll paper cut-outs representing individuals in the developing world who lack access to basic education and urge Canada to take a leadership role on this issue. Karen Mundy, professor at OISE/UT and Canada Research Chair in Global Governance and Comparative Education, will provide welcoming remarks. Carroll will be available after her remarks for media interviews.

During the April 26 conference, entitled Canadian Civil Society on Education for All, academics and representatives from aid agencies and non-governmental organizations will discuss topics including access to school for girls in developing countries and HIV/AIDS education. Nicholas Burnett of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will also present a report outlining global challenges in providing basic education. Advance copies of the report can be downloaded at www.efareport.unesco.org For an agenda of the conference, go to www.campaignforeducationcanada.org

The conference is sponsored by OISE/UT, the Munk Centre for International Studies and the Canadian International Development Agency. The conference is also a part of a week of action for education sponsored by the Global Campaign for Education.

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