



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, October 2, 2024

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[*English*]

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met this day at 4:24 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the deputy chair, the Honourable Peter Harder, P.C., presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Al Zaibak, Coyle, Deacon (*Ontario*), Gerba, Greenwood, Harder, P.C., MacDonald, Ravalia, Robinson and Woo (10).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator Fridhandler (1).

*Participating in the meeting:* Zachariah Black, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, October 26, 2023, the committee continued its study on Canada's interests and engagement in Africa.

**WITNESSES:**

*Global Centre for Pluralism:*

Meredith Preston McGhie, Secretary General.

*The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business:*

Garreth Bloor, President;

Paula Caldwell St-Onge, Chair of the Board.

*Partenariat International:*

Jean-Louis Roy, President.

*As individuals:*

Edward Akuffo, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, University of the Fraser Valley.

David Black, Professor, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University (*by videoconference*).

Meredith Preston McGhie, Edward Akuffo and David Black each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:25 p.m., the committee resumed.

Garreth Bloor, Paula Caldwell St-Onge and Jean-Louis Roy each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:14 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Chantal Cardinal

*Clerk of the Committee*