## **About The African and Caribbean Board of Industry & Trade (ACBIT)**

ACBIT is a federally-incorporated not-for-profit organization that seeks to create a virtual hub that builds connections between entrepreneurs and business entities Canada with the business community in the Caribbean and African continent. ACBIT seeks to foster the growth and prosperity of businesses by:

- Increasing Canada's trade with Africa and the Caribbean
- Improving access for Canada's SMEs to emerging markets
- Attracting job-creating investment

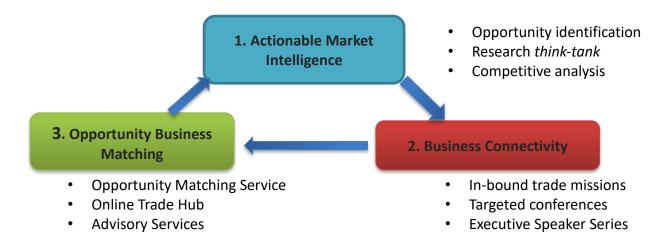
We facilitate the development of strategic partnerships among:

- Business and sectoral associations
- Municipal, provincial and federal agencies with trade mandates
- · Organizations which have a trans-national reach in the Caribbean, USA and Africa

In a recent initiative done with InvesTT – Trinidad and Tobago (T&T), we organized a one-week agenda of meetings between key business leaders of the Toronto region in line with the stated needs of the T&T visiting team. Additionally, we collaborated with the Canadian-Caribbean Arts Network (C-CAN) to have a group of racialized youth from Toronto attend their first-ever participation in an international forum in Barbados. The initiative was funded by The Canada Council of the Arts.

## **ACBIT's Strategic Focus:**

The ACBIT will facilitate business ties between Canadian SMEs, Africa and the Caribbean with a focus on generating market intelligence, connecting entrepreneurs and matching business opportunities. This process is summarized below.



## **African and Caribbean Board of Industry & Trade**

## **Board Members**

The Board of the ACBIT is comprised of the following individuals.

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