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The High Commission for the Republic of South Africa in Canada and the Institute of African Studies at Carleton University invite you to the "Africa Dialogue Series" talk

## **"Science, Technology and Innovation as Part of Africa's Development Agenda"**

**DAVID STRANGWAY, PhD, FRSC, OC**

**When:** Wednesday, 7 March 2012

**Time:** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Where:** Humanities Theatre, 303 Paterson Hall, Carleton University ("PA" on campus map, <http://www2.carleton.ca/campus/>)

Refreshments will be served

**David Strangway** is the son of medical missionaries from Canada. They created and operated a major hospital in Angola from 1927 to 1967. He is a geophysicist who completed his degrees at the University of Toronto. He has authored over 160 scientific papers and participated in many commissions on earth and planetary science on environment and on science policy. He was a recipient of the NASA medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement. After serving as the head of the Geology Department at the University of Toronto he became vice president, academic, and then president. This was followed by 12 years as the president of the University of British Columbia. He was president of the Canada Foundation for Innovation which was established by the Canadian government to fund research facilities at universities in Canada. To date this foundation has disbursed nearly \$5 billion and in turn leveraged far more than this. During this time the Canada Research Chairs were established which funded 2000 positions at universities across Canada (at \$300m per year). These programs have had a massive impact on reducing Canada's brain drain. This was followed by the establishment of Canada's first independent liberal arts and science university, Quest University Canada, focused on undergraduates and the agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Most recently he is working with a number of African organizations to establish a program of African Research Chairs. He has been honored with 12 honorary degrees and the Order of Canada. And he has been recognized in several countries - Mexico, Korea, the US, Japan, Australia, China and by several professional associations and is on the executive member of the International Association of University presidents (IAUP).

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