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Canada faulted for luring foreign doctors

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OTTAWA - A new report is urging Canada to develop guidelines for the ethical recruitment of foreign-trained doctors so that developing countries are not deprived of badly needed homegrown professionals.

In a study to be released today, the **Canadian Policy Research Networks** documents a growing exodus of doctors from Africa and Asia and accuses Canada of acting irresponsibly by poaching professionals from poorer countries to ease its own doctor shortages.

The resulting "brain drain" has left poorer countries struggling to care for their own populations as epidemics such as AIDS trigger massive public-health crises.

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