

INNOVATIVE AFRICA!

CNIS FREE African Market Saturday August 27, 12-6pm

For Immediate Release

Vancouver, August 24th, 2011 - Each year CNIS holds an African Market in the covered courtyard outside our Kitsilano office, located at Maple and Broadway in Vancouver. The market is a **free community event** that attracts hundreds of people from the west side and the Lower Mainland. This year, 25 African artisans, vendors, chefs and performers, representing more than a dozen African countries, as well as a many NGOs working in Africa will participate.

We invite people to come and experience Africa- its beauty, diversity and some of its challenges. In the community activity corner, visitors can view African eco-innovation and try to make an African soccer ball of plastic bags and twine or a coin purse out of empty coffee bag. Children of all ages are encouraged to decorate the walls of our African hut or join the championship of an African version of the foosball table game, made entirely of bottle caps!

The market will showcase Vancouver Whitecaps drumming group, *Ubiquitous Rhythms*, Ethiopian dancers, Ethiopian coffee ceremony and authentic food from Ghana, South Africa and desserts from Tunisia!

Host: The Canadian Network for International Surgery

Date: Saturday August 27

Time: Noon - 6 pm

Where: The covered courtyard, 1985 West Broadway, Vancouver (at the corner of Maple street).

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CNIS is a Vancouver based non-profit organization that teaches life-saving surgical skills in 8 countries Africa, as well as Guyana and Haiti. [CNIS - Canadian Network for International Surgery](http://www.cnis.ca)

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