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## Calgary youth selected to visit peacebuilding projects in Uganda

EDMONTON, AB – The Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) is pleased to announce Iman Kassam of Calgary has been selected to join a team youth leaders from Alberta visiting Uganda in July. The youth will learn about the role Albertans play in supporting peacebuilding and community development initiatives in local Ugandan communities, and share their experiences with Albertans upon their return.

Organized by ACGC and hosted by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) of Alberta, the five youth will visit projects of MCC's partner organizations, as well as projects supported by other Albertan organizations. While in Uganda, the youth will learn about peacebuilding, reconciliation, and development through visiting partners working in four different sectors including health, education, peace, and food security. Youth will have the opportunity to visit project sites, engage with community members, and record their experiences through film to be shared with Albertans in the fall. Now in its fifth year, the Change Your World: Alberta Youth Leadership Program is a program funded by the Canadian government through Global Affairs Canada.

Iman is deeply engaged in her school and community, and is committed to raising awareness amongst her peers about local and global issues. Having family ties to East Africa, Iman is eager to learn skills from Ugandans that she can apply in her work in Calgary. "Visiting a community and learning from the people is one thing, but actually using this experience to make a difference is what I believe will change my life."

Interview, as well as photo and video opportunities, will be available with the team of five youth when they gather at MCC's Calgary office before departure on July 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Additional interviews with Iman outside of this time can be arranged by contacting ACGC.

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