



Media Release: Albertan among eight Canadian youth travelling to New York for UN Summit

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Albertan youth Noelle Jaipaul, from Edmonton, is among eight young leaders from across Canada who will be travelling to New York City this week to attend the [United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development](#).

Jaipaul and the other Canadian youth will join the Pope, Malala, President Obama and 191 other world leaders from September 25 – 27, 2015 as they gather in New York at the United Nations and commit to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, setting the agenda for our global goals for 2030 after three years of inter-governmental negotiations, consultations with millions of people worldwide, and thousands of inputs from experts.

In recognition of the important role of youth in shaping a sustainable future, the UN has officially requested youth delegations from member countries. To meet the UN's request, the eight provincial and regional councils for international cooperation across Canada – including the Edmonton-based Alberta Council for Global Cooperation – came together to form *The Inter-Council Network Youth Delegation to the UN Summit*. Jaipaul is the Government Relations and Community Outreach Coordinator for the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation and the Albertan representative on the youth delegation travelling to New York.

The Inter-Council Network Youth Delegation to the UN Summit is made up of young representatives of Canadian civil society who are all under the age of 29. From Whitehorse, Fredericton, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Regina, and Edmonton, these youth are passionate about representing Canadian civil society on the world stage. The youth delegation will start their trip in New York this evening by meeting with Canada's Minister of International Development, the Honourable Christian Paradis, and other members of the Canadian Delegation to the UN Summit.

“It is exciting to have this chance to meet with government officials, civil servants, and civil society members worldwide to discuss big ideas as well as pragmatic ways to take action, all within a common vision of a more equitable, sustainable world,” said Jaipaul. “I am looking forward to sharing my learnings and experiences here in New York with other youth and Albertans.”

“The Youth Delegation's presence in New York is a key opportunity to move the agenda of the sustainable development goals forward, and to ensure with our Albertan delegate that civil society

organizations in Alberta remain important partners and stakeholders in international and community development,” said ACGC Executive Director Heather McPherson.

The Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) is a coalition of voluntary sector organizations located in Alberta, working locally and globally to achieve sustainable human development. ACGC works towards ending poverty and achieving a peaceful and healthy world, with dignity and full participation for all. The Council has a mandate to promote and mobilize greater Albertan participation in international development. See www.acgc.ca

The Inter-Council Network of Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation (ICN), represents over 400 civil society organizations from coast to coast to coast, and is made up of eight provincial and regional councils that are recognized for bringing local knowledge and priorities to the federal level. The ICN provides a forum in which the Councils collaborate for improved effectiveness and identify common priorities for collective action.

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