



ACGC

**ALBERTA COUNCIL FOR
GLOBAL COOPERATION**

2018-2019

Annual Report



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WE WORK TOWARDS ENDING POVERTY AND
ACHIEVING A PEACEFUL AND HEALTHY WORLD,
WITH DIGNITY AND FULL PARTICIPATION FOR ALL.

Who we are

A network of organizations and individuals, located in Alberta, working locally and globally to advance sustainable development and global citizenship. Part of this network includes ACGC members, comprised of civil society organizations and individuals.

Mission

Mobilize Albertans to become global citizens engaged in sustainable development. We do this by building the capacity of network organizations, representing members' interests with government and others, and increasing the awareness, knowledge, and connections of Albertans in global issues and sustainable development.

Working Together

ACGC is part of the Inter-Council Network (ICN), a coalition of the eight Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation. The independent Councils are committed to global sustainable development, social justice and social change. They are rooted in communities across Canada and represent nearly 350 diverse civil society organizations (CSOs) from across Canada. Council membership varies from locally based cultural community civil society organizations to highly recognizable international organizations.

ACGC's Board of Directors 2018 - 2019

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Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors and Executive Director

The past year has been one of incredible growth and opportunity for the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, our member organizations, and the entire international cooperation sector.

We have seen increased partnerships with various levels of government, including a renewed relationship with Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and the development of a robust working relationship with the new Sustainable Development Goals secretariat located within Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). The strong desire by civil society groups, private sector, academia, and the Canadian government to work collaboratively to make Canada's overseas development efforts more effective and enact greater development impact on the ground has been a high note for this year.

Funding through the Global Affairs Canada's Development Impact Window for Small and Medium Organizations, as well as exciting new initiatives hosted by the Inter-Council Network of Provincial and Regional Councils (ICN) has been a welcome addition to funding landscape for our sector. The Fund for Innovation and Transformation (FIT) program, being run by the Manitoba Council on behalf of the ICN provides funding for innovative new ideas, while the Spur Change program, run by ACGC on behalf of the ICN, will help increase capacity within the sector and improve our ability to do our work more effectively, implementing Canada's new Feminist International Assistance Policy. Spur Change will also reach out across the country, engaging Canadians, particularly youth, in Canada's development efforts.

The Sustainable Development Goals continue to play a large role in the programming at the ACGC. We are seen across the country as a leading organization promoting, implementing, and monitoring Canada's efforts in achieving the SDGs and Agenda 2030. This year we hosted the second Together Symposium, bringing over 1000 Canadians together from coast to coast to coast to explore how we can collaborate, innovate, and partner to achieve the SDGs in Canada and around the world.

ACGC staff attended the High Level Political Meeting at the United Nations for the release of Canada's first Voluntary National Review (VNR). Being part of the Canadian delegation to the UN enabled ACGC to play a part in holding our government to its commitments. It was an excellent opportunity to develop relationships with other groups and build Alberta capacity for participation in such forums. As ACGC was recently awarded ECOSOC status, expect to hear more about ways ACGC and our members can participate at the UN and other high level multilateral meetings.

As always, we are extremely grateful for the opportunity to do our work with such an amazing bunch of people. The ACGC staff, board, and members are amongst the most committed individuals in the world and our collective vision of how we can make the world a better place continues to inspire and energize us. We look forward to what the future of ACGC will bring and look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Danielle Gibbie and Heather McPherson



Heather McPherson
Executive Director



Danielle Gibbie,
Chair of the Board

A Year at a Glance

Public Engagement

- 44** public engagement events
- 2485** people participated in Council events
- 83%** participants engaged with ACGC for the first time
- 1415** youth participated in Council activities

Communications Highlights

- 53 997** people reached through council communications tools
- 716 366** impressions across platforms (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram)
- 4 167** social media followers
- 122 533** Albertans during International Development Week 2019!
- 1437** teachers reached with educational tools

Capacity Building

- 25** multi-stakeholder, and capacity building events hosted
- 592** people participated in capacity building events
- 81%** of survey respondents improved their skills by participating in capacity building opportunities

Connecting with Albertans

“ Everyone can be a change-maker for gender equality by educating themselves about the prominent issues and showing respect for diversity.

– Vivian Kwan, 2019 Top 30 Under 30

International Development Week Together for Gender Equality

ACGC and its members participated in the annual IDW campaign to encourage all Canadians to be change-makers in advancing gender equality in Alberta and around the world. We celebrated with a broad community of international development and humanitarian aid organizations through 20 activities designed and delivered by ACGC and its members.

We were pleased to deliver the eighth edition of the Top 30 under 30 which shared voices and perspective from 30 youth working towards gender equality through the Top 30 that ran online at top30under30.acgc.ca, through social media, and in print. Cumulatively we reached 122 533 Albertans during International Development Week 2019!



2019 of Top 30 Under 30 Award Recipients at the iWeek Launch Event

Youth for Gender Equality

ACGC was a partner in the national Youth for Gender Equality initiative, co-led by Plan International Canada and the Canadian Teachers' Federation, hosting 5 youth-led roundtable dialogues on gender equality, 3 in partnership with Albertan Member of Parliament. At the dialogues, youth discussed issues and recommendations to address gender inequality in Canada. Subsequently, four youth from Alberta were able to participate in two national conferences on gender equality, and one of those was selected to present the national youth recommendations at Women Deliver conference in June 2019.

“ It's been fantastic to see just how much Albertans are working towards a more sustainable future.

–Heather McPherson, Executive Director

Together Alberta - Mapping the Sustainable Development Goals

ACGC received funding from the Government of Alberta through the Community Initiatives Program and the Federal Government through Employment and Social Development Canada to better understand the ecosystem of Albertan organizations working on the Sustainable Development Goals.

ACGC has started hosting community roundtables across the province to engage people across sectors in dialogue around the SDGs. Throughout this process, we are capturing the impact and stories of Albertans working towards a more sustainable future and look forward to sharing the outcomes with you soon!

March 27th Together Alberta Community Roundtable
Hosted in Edmonton



Youth for Gender Equality Christina, Adriana, and Maddi at WomenDeliver 2019 Conference with ACGC Program Manager Leah

Together 2018 Symposium

Building on the foundation of partnership, innovation, and cross-sector collaboration, Together 2018 called on delegates to explore their role in advancing the SDGs in Canada and around the world. Following up on the highly successful Together 2017 Symposium, Together 2018 examined Canada's progress on achieving the SDGs, acknowledged new leaders that have joined the movement, and identified innovative ways to tackle the 2030 Agenda.

7 Satellite events across Canada

15 Breakout sessions

522 Participants

63 Speakers

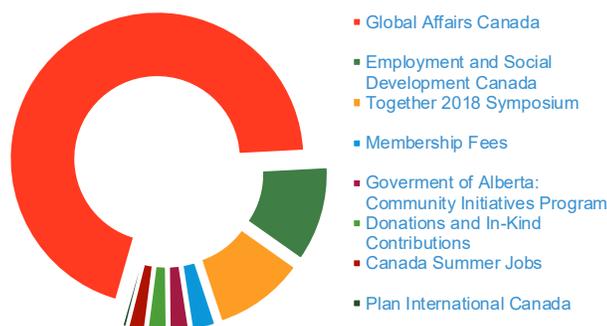


*Together 2018 was enriched through two keynotes:
TOP: Shiza Shahid, Co-founder of the Malala Fund and NOW Ventures
MIDDLE RIGHT: Paul Polman, CEO of Unilever and Vice-Chair of the UN Global Compact Live*



Financial Statement

2019 Revenue



2019 Expenses



REVENUE	2019	%	2018	%	EXPENSES	2019	%	2018	%
GAC Grants	\$331,301	69.7	\$386,835	72.1	ACGC Capacity Building	\$18,574	3.9	\$35,956	6.7
Together Alberta: SDG Mapping	\$61,074	12.9	\$0	-	Administration	\$37,428	7.9	\$38,353	7.2
Annual SDG Conference	\$48,157	10.1	\$62,207	11.6	Communications and Publications	\$934	0.2	\$7,754	1.4
SDG Communication Initiative	\$0	-	\$22,500	4.2	EQWIP Project	\$0	-	\$21,509	4.0
EQWIP	\$0	-	\$21,509	4.0	Inter-Council Network	\$5,571	1.2	\$8,690	1.6
Other Income	\$6,572	1.4	\$19,116	3.6	International Development Week	\$9,687	2.0	\$32,870	6.1
Membership	\$12,626	2.7	\$13,156	2.4	Speakers Bureau Project	\$2,510	0.5	\$0	-
Canada Summer Jobs	\$9,078	1.9	\$9,184	1.7	Public Engagement Project	\$7,500	1.6	\$28,477	5.3
Workshop	\$2,544	0.5	\$1,543	0.4	Salaries and Benefits	\$280,097	58.9	\$273,802	51.1
Interest Income	\$340	0.1	\$196	-	SDG Communication Initiative	\$0	-	\$32,197	6.0
SDG Hub	\$963	0.2	\$0	-	SDG Hub Project	\$963	0.2	\$0	-
Speakers Bureau Project	\$2,510	0.5	\$0	0	SDG Mapping Project	\$61,074	12.9	\$0	-
TOTAL	\$475,165	100	\$536,246	100	TOTAL	\$491,875	103.5	\$534,994	99.8
						2019	%	2018	%
					EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES"	-\$16,710	-3.5	\$1,252	0.2
					NET ASSETS, Beginning of Year	\$27,147		\$25,895	
					NET ASSETS, End of Year	\$10,437		\$27,147	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

CURRENT	2019	2018
Cash	\$550,147	\$10,932
Accounts Receivable	\$9,135	\$49,267
Prepaid Expenses and Deposits	\$326	\$326
TOTAL	\$559,608	\$60,525

LIABILITIES

CURRENT	2019	2018
Accounts payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$5,768	\$33,378
Deferred Contributions	\$543,403	-
TOTAL	\$549,171	\$33,378

NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	\$10,437	\$27,147
TOTAL	\$559,608	\$60,525

Audit completed by SVS Group LLP Chartered Professional Accountants.

A full financial statement can be accessed at: acgc.ca/2019financialstatement



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ACGC Members

ACGC's Staff and Board of Directors would like to thank the Organizational and Individual Members who support our network every year.

Alberta Teachers Association

Bow Valley College, International Education

**Bridges of Hope International Network
of Development Agencies**

Calgary Board of Education

Canadian Center for Ethnomusicology (CCE)

Canadian Global Care Society

**Canadian Humanitarian Organization
for International Relief**

Canadian Peacemakers International

Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan

CAUSE Canada

CAWST

(Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology)

Change for Children Association

D. Keith MacDonald Foundation

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada

Edmonton Public School Board

Engineers Without Borders - Calgary City Chapter

Four Worlds Centre for Development Learning

Giving Hope to Children Society

**H.E.A.L. International
(Health, Education and Leadership)**

**International Society of Sustainability Professionals -
ISSP Alberta Chapter**

John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights

Junior Global Citizen Club

Keiskamma Canada Foundation

Light Up the World Foundation

Living Channel Services Agency

**Mahatma Gandhi Canadian
Foundation for World Peace**

Mennonite Central Committee Alberta

Nafasi Opportunity Society

Norquest International

One Child's Village

One! International Poverty Relief

Operation Eyesight Universal

Oxfam Canada

Partners for Humanity Foundation

PlanNET Limited

Rainbow for the Future

Rainbow of Hope for Children

Samaritan's Purse - Canada

**SCREDO (Somali-Canadian Education
and Rural Development Organization)**

SihleSizwe Vineyard Foundation

Sinkunia Community Development Organization

Sombrilla International Development Society

**Trebi Kuma Ollennu Foundation
for Community Development**

The King's University, Micah Center

United Nations Association in Canada - Calgary Branch

United Nations Association in Canada - Edmonton Branch

University of Alberta, Global Education Program

University of Calgary International