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Alberta Council for Global Cooperation  
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# ACGC Mission and Objectives

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.

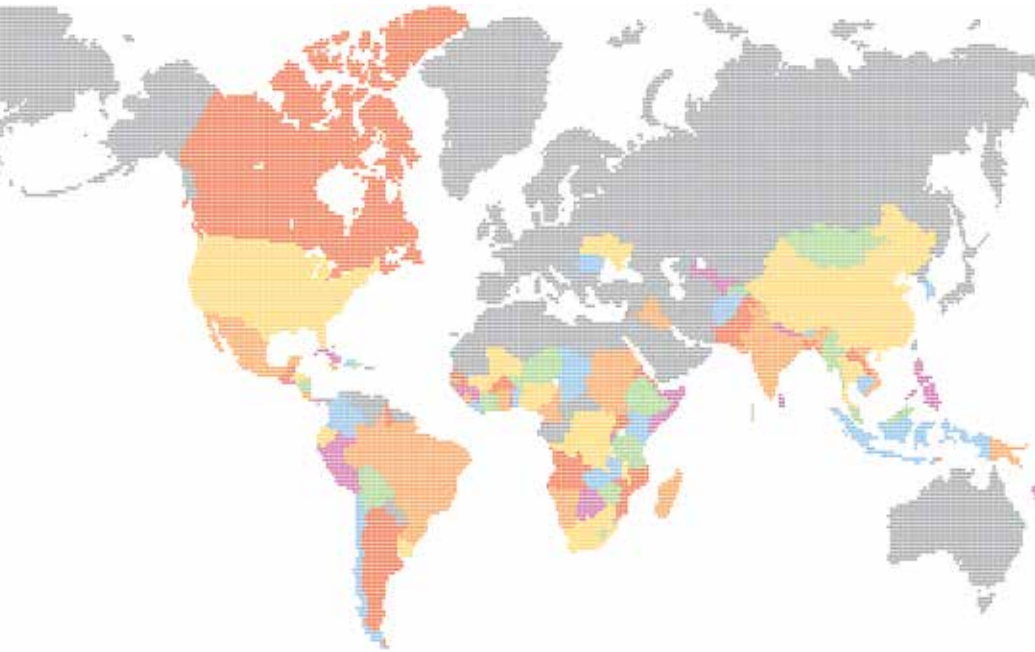
We are committed to international cooperation that is people-centred, democratic, just, inclusive, and respectful of the environment and indigenous cultures. We work towards ending poverty and achieving a peaceful and healthy world, with dignity and full participation for all.

Members of the Council pursue these goals through supporting global citizenship programs and participatory projects with international partners.

The Council's goal is to support the work of its members through networking, leadership, information sharing, training and coordination, and represents their interests when dealing with government and others. The objectives of the Council are to promote and mobilize greater Albertan participation in assisting international development.

The objectives are to be achieved in the following ways:

- to consistently reflect in all ACGC policies, activities and services, the principal philosophies embodied in the Council's Mission and Development Principles;
- to facilitate effective member networking and capacity building both internationally and domestically;
- to coordinate and support members' activities in an effective manner;
- to provide leadership on issues of concern to members;
- to provide members with relevant and effective services;
- to be an effective advocate and representative to government agencies and the public for international development concerns on behalf of the membership and to keep member organizations informed as to important shifts in Canadian foreign policy.



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## Message from the Chair of the Board

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As Chair of the Board I would like to say that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the ACGC membership over the past year. Both the Board and the staff of this dynamic organization have been a delight to work with and I am of the opinion that the membership has been well served by this dedicated and hard working group of people.

It has not, however, been an easy year. Many Alberta based charities have seen their long-term funding relations with the Canadian International Development Assistance (CIDA) decline and some groups have seen their CIDA funding disappear altogether. This has been quite a tragic development because Albertan charities have a rich history of international service in partnership with the Federal Government. Hopefully 2013 will see a renaissance in new funding opportunities from both the Provincial and Federal Governments. It is time for the excellence of Albertan civil society organizations to be rediscovered!

ACGC's staff and volunteers have not been idle during these trying times. Their analysis and informative reporting have kept ACGC members well-versed on major funding trends and the priorities of CIDA. And I would respectfully suggest that Heather McPherson and her colleagues have done an excellent job of striking an appropriate balance between championing the needs of our member organizations by criticizing capricious funding decisions made by government, and yet not overly biting the many hands that feed us. Kudos to the staff and management of ACGC!

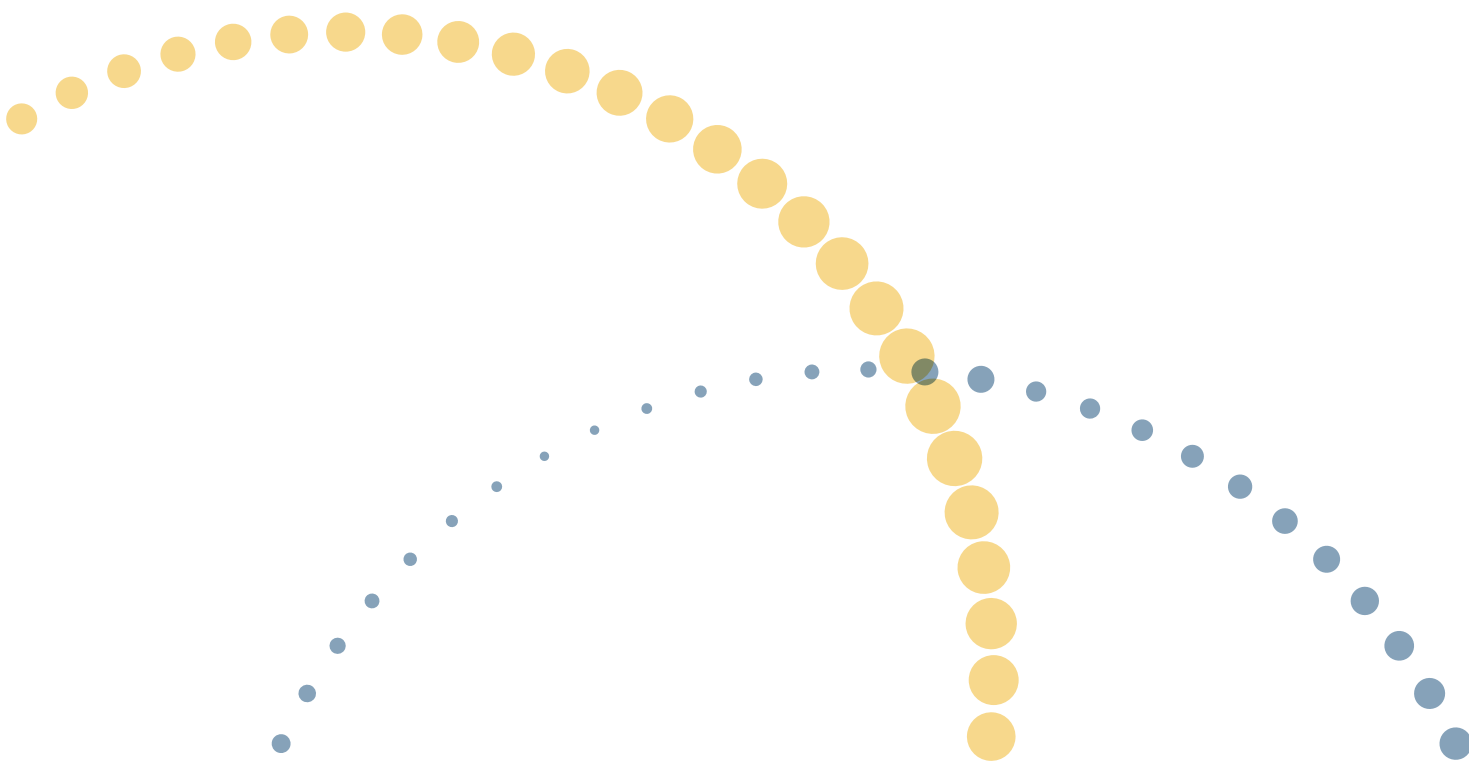
Another important area of success for ACGC over the past year has been in the facilitation and encouragement of inter-agency dialogue and enhanced professionalism. Alberta-based voluntary sector organizations have been mentored through ACGC's "Lunch & Learn" series, cutting-edge podcasts, timely press releases, and the informative "ACGC Connect" newsletter.

2012 has truly been an extraordinary year for the Canadian voluntary sector, but the challenge of charting one's way through the myriad of changes, tests, obstacles and ambiguities has been made easier by the excellence of ACGC's work.

I am excited about serving this extraordinary provincial council yet again in 2013, and I look forward to working more closely with our member organizations, paid staff and people like you!

In Solidarity,

Paul A. Carrick  
Board Chair



## Message from the Executive Director

This has been a remarkably tumultuous year for the international development sector in Alberta. There have been some moments of great empowerment and hope for our sector and there have been examples of challenge and struggle for our sector as well.

A highlight for us was that ACGC was able to sign a three-year agreement with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The new agreement enables ACGC to increase our capacity building, communication and networking opportunities for our members, and to further engage Albertans in issues related to international development and cooperation.

ACGC was also thrilled that many of our member organizations were successful in their bids to receive funding through the new Partnering with Canadians branch of CIDA. Many of our members will be accomplishing great things and achieving significant development results with funds received from CIDA and I couldn't be more pleased for those organizations.

In addition, in Busan, Korea, at the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, civil society organizations (CSOs) were able to bring their collective voice to the table, introducing the Istanbul Principles, which are "distinct globally acknowledged reference of effective development work for CSOs worldwide". This moment signified the important accumulation of many years of work by CSOs around the world.

However, there have been many challenges for our sector as well; challenges that have been numerous and, at times, extremely difficult to overcome. Our relationships and partnerships developed with funders and government have become tenuous and unpredictable. A new competitive process within CIDA has been opaque and perplexing for many organizations. The global economic crisis has added extra layers of complexity to the work we all strive to accomplish, with fewer resources available to do our work and increasing needs within the communities we partner with in the global south. Finally, the inability of many ACGC members to educate Albertans through public engagement activities strains our ability to empower Albertans to help us make changes around the world.

These opportunities and challenges faced by our sector over the past year have kept ACGC members, staff and board extremely busy as we negotiate a very rapidly changing landscape within which we work. ACGC has used these changes to direct much of our programming over the past year. For example, at the beginning of the year, ACGC worked closely with member organizations to assist in the preparation and development of proposals for CIDA's Under and Over 2 Million calls. One of the most positive results of this capacity building exercise was that a majority of those proposals developed during this process were accepted by CIDA. ACGC staff also worked with the Canadian Council for International Cooperation and the Inter-Council Network of Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation to develop communication tools surrounding the new Partnering with Canadians competitive process.

In addition to member capacity building opportunities offered by the Council, ACGC is increasingly seen as a communication hub for international development resources, public engagement expertise, and information about member activities and events throughout the province. ACGC Connect, our newsletter, is produced three times a year, and we send out our bi-weekly E-Bulletin to over 1000 organizations and individuals. Our number of Twitter followers and the number of visits to our website, Facebook page and You Tube channel continue to steadily rise as educators, government, media and the general public increasingly reach out to ACGC when looking for information about international development issues.

As always, I am filled with admiration and respect for the incredible work done by ACGC member organizations around the world and in Alberta. I am also filled with enormous gratitude that I am able to work with such an incredible staff and board. The work we do is challenging and difficult much of the time and the examples set by ACGC members, staff and board make the work rewarding. Thank-you.

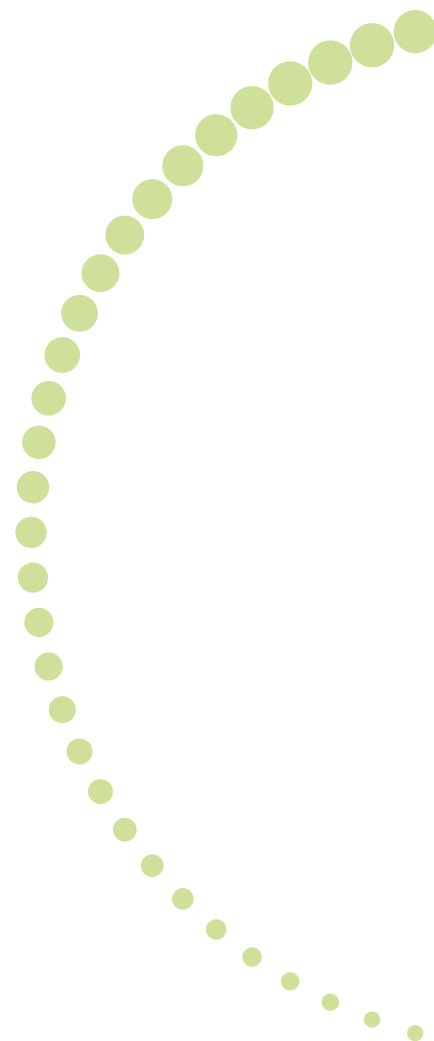
Sincerely,



Heather McPherson



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## STAFF MEMBERS – 2011-2012

*Executive Director:*  
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Daniel Zopoula – Bridges of Hope

## Engaging Teachers

### Development in a Box

Throughout the past year, ACGC has continued to develop and expand the already strong relationship with Alberta educators and educational administration personnel by continuing to create and distribute key curriculum tools and resources for Alberta teachers and students.

ACGC's existing *Development in a Box* resource kit for grades 7-12 was updated and further distributed to educators throughout the province, at teachers conventions and online. In January, ACGC also launched its *Development in a Box* resource kit for grades 1-6, which has been distributed to over 100 schools. Additionally, online access to the resources has reached nearly 1500 visits. The feedback from educators has been overwhelmingly positive, and due to high demand, ACGC has not been able to keep up with demand for the physical kits of either the grades 7-12 or 1-6 resources.

### Teachers Conventions

ACGC continues its work with educators and administrators across the province, strengthening our ties to the formal education system. One way that we continue to foster these relationships and establish new ones is by taking part in teachers' conventions across the province. Over the past year, ACGC has participated in 5 teachers' conventions, including the Calgary City Teachers' Convention, the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention, the Global, Environmental & Outdoor Educators Council (GEOEC), the North Central Teachers' Convention and the Social Studies Teachers' Convention. Using up-to-date information from its membership, ACGC displays a variety of materials from the membership to teachers' from across the province attending these conventions. In addition, at teachers' conventions, ACGC also develops and facilitates workshops for teachers outlining available ACGC curriculum resources, teaching materials, and additional opportunities for educators and administrators to incorporate global citizenship into their classroom and schools.



### ACGC Teach

ACGC created a bi-annual e-newsletter for Alberta educators and administrators, ACGC Teach, that has enabled ACGC to maintain communication with educators while keeping the education sector informed about the opportunities available to them through ACGC and member activities. ACGC Teach also casts a spotlight on one educator per issue who is making a significant contribution to their classrooms and school in the area of global citizenship and youth engagement.

Feedback from this new initiative has been universally positive and has allowed ACGC to continue to provide educators with up to date information on how to become engaged and how to engage their students with the international development sector.



*“the feedback from educators has been overwhelmingly positive”*





*“From the making of my video, myself and my group have learnt many new things about our global issue of choice and have realized how much of a problem it really is.”* Alan Ross, Participant

## Engaging Youth

### Kaleidoscope

The Kaleidoscope Video Challenge was a national online video competition that profiled and supported young Canadians (13 years and under and 14-18 years) who are engaged as active global citizens. Kaleidoscope invited youth participants to prepare and submit a short video addressing the questions, ‘What actions are you taking on global issues?’ and ‘Why do you think that active global citizenship is important?’ Workshops on video production were offered to encourage youth with less experience and access to video equipment to participate.

Videos were judged regionally by juries with representatives from international development, filmmaking, community activism, and youth. Each province/region chose one winning team in each age category. Two videos were also chosen as People’s Choice Award winners by an online public vote. Representatives from the winning teams were flown to Ottawa to present their videos at the Kaleidoscope

National Gala on September 30, 2011 and to participate in a youth conference and other activities throughout the weekend. A DVD featuring the winning videos was distributed at the National Awards Gala.

Kaleidoscope was the second national collaboration between the seven provincial and regional councils for international cooperation (British Columbia Council for International Cooperation, Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation, Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, Ontario Council for International Cooperation, L’Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale, Atlantic Council for International Cooperation). The project was organized by a national project coordinator out of the Edmonton office of ACGC.

Kaleidoscope received 108 eligible video submissions from across Canada. The videos were a vehicle for learning for the participants, and a tool for continued public engagement. The videos collectively attracted 23,555 website views.



*Kaleidoscope National Winners at the National Gala in Ottawa*

*“You are making a big difference in many lives by giving these kids a forum and motivation to effect change themselves and encourage others to do the same!”* Sheryl Jacobsen, Parent

*“The students are all saying, “I really get what global citizenship is about now!! This is why such projects need to happen more often in our classrooms.”* Laurel LaBar Ahmed, Teacher



### Calgary Board of Education Youth Leadership Summit

ACGC staff participated in the Calgary Board of Education International Youth Leadership Summit. Students from across Calgary, Hong Kong and Macau were present for this 3 day leadership summit. An ACGC staff member acted as a facilitator for a group of 14 youth for the 3 days. She worked with the students to increase their international, intercultural and global awareness by experiencing and developing skills in traditional and non-traditional learning settings.

ACGC also held an afternoon workshop on podcasting entitled "Radio for Revolution", which worked with participants on the importance of alternative media, how to build and develop a concept/story and the production elements required for a podcast.

### Change Your World Alberta Youth Leadership Tour

Planning and coordination for the 2nd ACGC Change Your World Alberta Youth Leadership Tour began this year. The goal of this educational tour is to provide youth from across Alberta with the opportunity to experience international development first-hand, by visiting ACGC's member organizations southern projects and partners. One ACGC member was selected to host the tour – Sombrilla International Development Society, with the tour taking place primarily the highlands of Peru. ACGC also contacted other member organizations working in the region to coordinate visiting their partners as well.

Participating *Development in a Box* high schools were invited to nominate a student to take part in the tour, and the caliber of nominations received was truly outstanding. A selection committee was created with representatives from ACGC member organizations, staff members, board members, teachers and civil servants to review the nominations and select the five students who would be going on the tour.

### Engaging Albertans

#### Non-Profit Research Forum, Mount Royal University

ACGC staff worked with member organizations to profile the key trends that have, and will shape the past, present, and future of Canadian NGOs.

#### Development Drinks

ACGC has launched an event series entitled "Development Drinks", which serve as a forum to bring together like-minded individuals, whether as part of ACGC membership or the general public, to discuss international development in an informal setting. Hosted in both Calgary and Edmonton, Development Drinks has served to connect ACGC members with one another, and also enable deeper engagement for Albertans seeking to become involved in international development issues.



#### Wade Davis Gala

In September, ACGC held its Annual General Meeting and capacity-building event in Calgary. The event was a great success, attended by over 300 individuals. Prior to the keynote presentation given by Wade Davis, ACGC held a wine and cheese event where ACGC member organizations were offered the opportunity to display information regarding their organization. As an opportunity for ACGC members to share information at an event of this size was both a fantastic promotional opportunity as well as a way to network with the public, sharing stories of success and raising awareness. The Annual ACGC Gala Event brought in new interest, members, volunteers and a next generation of engaged citizens.



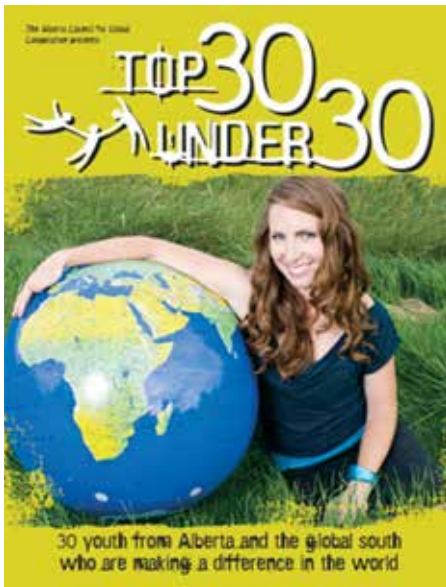
*Eriel Deranger, Diana Coumantarakis, Heather McPherson, Wade Davis, Julia Price, Connor MacDonald, Vanessa Kohut & Ritchie Assaly at the ACGC Gala. Photo credit: Scott Parker*

The staff at the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation took our IDW programming to a new level this year! In the last few years ACGC has profiled the impressive work done by Alberta youth to make the world a better place. The problem was that we only profiled eight youth at a time and we received so many phenomenal nominations that it was becoming impossible to choose. This year, as a response to the overwhelming number of fantastic youth we want to profile, ACGC decided to create a *Top 30 under 30* magazine.

The ACGC Top 30 Under 30 campaign profiled 30 youth from Alberta and the Global South who are models of civic engagement and global citizenship. The magazine was created featuring the 30 profiles and was widely available across Alberta. Some 1000 copies of the magazine were distributed and were made available during Youth Day 2012 and the International Week Concert on February 3rd, 2012. The thirty youth profiles were posted on Facebook and Twitter to increase exposure of the magazine. Five of the Top 30 under 30 youth are featured in an ACGC Connect Podcast episode.

The aim of the campaign was to raise awareness about youth engagement in Alberta, focusing on how youth are actively responding to social justice and international development issues in their communities and around the world. The increase in awareness was used as a catalyst to increase youth engagement and understanding of international development issues amongst the general public, with a specific focus on youth. The campaign also served to highlight the work of Canada's international development community and to garner support for the work being done by Albertan and Canadian organizations both in Canada and abroad.

ACGC and the University of Alberta International's Global Education Program organized an International Development Week Youth Day program for 138 global-minded high school students. In addition to having the opportunity to participate in youth-focused education activities, students were able to take part in International Week programming alongside University students, professors and community. The day was divided between a morning creative session, a keynote panel, and afternoon concurrent thematic sessions. The concurrent sessions were run by ACGC members.



## ACGC Connect Newsletter

ACGC has revamped the ACGC newsletter during the past year. The new ACGC Connect newsletter is easier to read, more attractive and visually appealing, and easier to access online. Primarily comprised of member submissions, the newsletter is an important communication tool for the Council and its members. As the newsletter highlights the work of ACGC members as well as issues related to international development, it is also a vital component of ACGC's public engagement programming.

This year ACGC has created and distributed 3 newsletters on the topics of food and water security, climate justice, and youth involvement in international development and social justice efforts. Distribution continues to increase as people recognize the value of the publication and the increased access to our newsletter through the ACGC website indicates that readership far exceeds the number of printed copies of each instalment.

## ACGC Connect Podcasts

This year, ACGC worked with member organizations to create, promote and disseminate four (4) podcasts highlighting topical issues of importance to the international development sector and the general public. Each podcast highlights work being done by ACGC member projects around the world. The first 2 podcasts created focused on food security and, using the famine in East Africa, highlighted the need for additional work to be done within the food security sector. The third podcast was a reflection on the AGM and the keynote presentations by Eriel Deranger and Wade Davis. The final podcast involved interviewing and producing a podcast highlighting the work done by Alberta youth in international development.

ACGC podcasts can be accessed through the ACGC website, via the ACGC blog, or on iTunes by searching for ACGC Connect.

## ACGC E-bulletins

ACGC's e-bulletin currently has over 600 subscribers. The e-bulletin allows ACGC to share information about members' events and programming, ACGC's capacity building opportunities, job/volunteer openings and other items of interest with ACGC members, the NGO community in general, as well as the general public. It has proven to be a successful communication tool for the Council and its members. ACGC sends out e-bulletins on a regular bi-weekly schedule.





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### ACGC Website

The new website has increased accessibility for member organizations and the general public which has resulted in an increased ability to promote the Council, member activities, and CIDA events and information. This increase has led to an increased awareness in Alberta of the work being done in the international development sector. The webpage is an important point of connection and access for ACGC and an effective tool in the dissemination of information and resources.

The newly updated website includes the geographic region(s) and priority areas of members in addition to their profile information. This enables organizations and members of the general public to collaborate more effectively on common areas of interest. Public engagement activities of members are featured prominently on the website and a continually updated calendar of events/activities is easily accessible. A variety of tools are available on the ACGC website including Global Study Literature Resources, "Development in a Box" resources, Alberta NGO Guide, and the ACGC speaker resource.

### Social Media

ACGC staff developed a very comprehensive communication strategy for our social media platforms. As a result, the number of people viewing our Facebook site, and following us on Twitter has substantially exceeded the targets set at the beginning of the year. ACGC has exceeded the targeted number of views on Facebook by almost 400% and has similarly exceeded the targeted number of Twitter followers as well. This substantial success can be attributed to the ACGC staff strategy of engaging our constituents via social media.

Some of the concrete ways ACGC has increased our social media presence include the use of the ACGC Facebook page to promote events and host contests. The use of our Twitter feed to share information about CIDA and other funders, other ACGC member information and events, and share international development stories has resulted in a much more robust Twitter account with more engaged followers. The ACGC Twitter feed is regularly retweeted by media outlets and we have a strategy in place to continue to increase our followers and those retweeting the council.



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## Building Sector Capacity

As a result of research undertaken via member surveys, large public polls, member meetings, networking opportunities and informal discussions with ACGC members, the Council has been able to accurately identify those components of our programming that are highly successful in increasing the capacity of our member organizations to reduce poverty around the world. ACGC strives to provide multiple benefits to members with each capacity building opportunity. Such additional benefits include networking with other organizations to encourage shared learning and collaboration and cooperation, and communication of sector realities. Finally, with many ACGC capacity building opportunities, ACGC endeavours to include a public engagement component that shares information with those Albertans not typically engaged in international development issues.

In the past 12 months, ACGC has contributed to the above immediate outcome in the following ways:

### AGM/Capacity Building Event held annually

Over the past several years ACGC has consistently created a strong and eagerly awaited AGM program that is seen by the membership as one of the key capacity building, networking, and public engagement opportunities of the year for Alberta international development organizations.

In 2011, the Council built on the achievements of its previous AGMs and implemented a very successful event in Calgary on the University of Calgary campus. This event, held in September, incorporated a gala evening event featuring Wade Davis and workshop sessions alongside the business portion of the AGM.

The 2 day event began with a gala evening with National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Wade Davis and Sierra Club Prairies Director Eriel Deranger providing keynote addresses. Within the framework of international development and cooperation, Dr. Davis explored the importance of incorporating indigenous knowledges and traditional wisdom into improving development practices and the subsequent results. Dr. Davis also touched on the interconnectedness of indigenous



*ACGC AGM Photo Credit: Ritchie Assaly*

rights, environmental care, human rights, international development and other aspects of social justice. His presentation – entitled “Why Ancient Wisdom Matters in the Modern World” – was very engaging. 300 Albertans attended the gala evening, which featured an NGO fair and wine and cheese reception to highlight the work being done in Alberta and around the world by ACGC member organizations.

The following day, programming for ACGC members included a workshop facilitated by Julia Sanchez, President and CEO of the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC) on development effectiveness and the Istanbul Principles, as well as a presentation by the Western Regional CIDA representative, Rebecca Mellett. In addition, ACGC staff prepared presentations on the recent CIVICUS conference and details on upcoming ACGC and ICN programming.

***ACGC’s AGM program is seen by the membership as one of the key capacity building, networking, and public engagement opportunities of the year for Alberta international development organizations.***

*“Workshops like this for NGOs are very valuable. Thank you for putting the time and energy into creating this training opportunity.”*



## Lunch and Learn Seminars

ACGC instituted its Lunch and Learn Seminar series in 2006 and the series has increased in popularity every year since its inception. Participation in these sessions continues to grow as participants gain an appreciation of the valuable information and capacity building opportunities that these Lunch and Learn sessions contain. Due to their short duration (2-3 hours) these sessions are more accessible to those working in the NGO sector.

Over the past 12 months ACGC has hosted 4 Lunch & Learn Seminars. The topics of the seminars were “Strengthening Government Relations” and an extremely well-received “Successful Fundraising for your Organization” lunch and learn seminar that hosted a panel of fundraising experts.

Participation was gratifyingly high for each seminar with the need to create waiting lists for the Fundraising Sessions in both Edmonton and Calgary.

## Professional Development Workshop on the Istanbul Principles

Facilitated by Fraser Reilly-King, Policy Analyst with the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC), the workshop focused on the Istanbul Principles and best practices in development. This interactive workshop provided a solid foundation in understanding and implementing the Istanbul Principles along with space to envision how to make development work both locally and internationally more effective, rooted in a rights-based process.

## Podcast Training Sessions

ACGC and its member organizations recognize the importance of increasing the ability to harness new technologies to share the positive stories and lessons learned within our sector and to engage Albertans with work being done in international development and cooperation. Towards that end ACGC hosted 2 full day training sessions (one in Edmonton and one in Calgary) on how to create and share podcasts.

The trainings were very successful with extremely positive evaluations by participants. A few comments that illustrate the value of the training are provided below:

“Workshops like this for NGOs are very valuable. Thank you for putting the time and energy into creating this training opportunity.”

“This was a great workshop. It’s rare that a workshop actually teaches entirely new skills without being too complex to duplicate. Richie’s podcasting workshop really did build our organizational capacity to use this technology ourselves.”

“I couldn’t be any happier. This is the first time I have done a workshop to do with computers and come away confident that understood and I will be able to make use of the information covered.”

## Online capacity building resources available to ACGC members

All capacity building training resources created by ACGC for the recent podcast training, the Annual General Meeting, Lunch & Learn seminars, multi-day professional development workshops, and member meetings have been developed into online resources available to ACGC members through the ACGC website. In addition, the Annual Report, brochure, and both the Educator Newsletter and ACGC Connect Newsletter have been converted to an online version.

This enables new members, new staff of existing members and those members who were unable to attend a particular session to still benefit from the training by accessing resources when needed. As well, ACGC has offered the comprehensive set of podcast training resources to all other Provincial and Regional Councils for their own training needs.

An additional benefit of this initiative is that ACGC will be able to develop a comprehensive database of resources that can be updated and shared across the country with other international development practitioners and other councils for international cooperation.

## Inter-Council Network of Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation (ICN)

The Inter-Council Network (ICN) is a coalition of seven provincial and regional Councils for International Cooperation:

- Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC)
- L'Association Québécoise des Organismes de Coopération Internationale (AQOCI)
- Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC)
- British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC)
- Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC)
- Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC) and
- Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC)

These member-based Councils represent over 400 diverse organizations from across Canada that are committed to global social justice. The ICN provides a forum in which the Councils collaborate for improved effectiveness and identify common priorities for collective action.

From 2011 to 2014 the ICN will be conducting a public engagement research program, entitled Exploring Public Engagement Effectiveness in Canada, with the following objectives:

- To develop a comprehensive understanding of PE for active global citizenship in Canada;
- To learn and develop capacity about good practices for PE;
- To demonstrate that PE is a meaningful and necessary endeavor; and
- To build relationships and foster collaboration between different actors in the PE community.

The ICN has been hard at work finding out what practitioners, academics and the Canadian public think about public engagement in Canada. In March the ICN wrapped up our Context Analysis project, which engaged hundreds of practitioners through an online survey, focus groups and interviews across the country. The results of this process have been used by the ICN to shape the next stages of our three year program, Exploring Public Engagement Effectiveness in Canada and will now be put into a report that will be shared with our members. A second research piece, a bibliography of relevant academic

and institutional publications, has been compiled and will also be released in the early fall of 2012.

Another big moment for the ICN was a national public opinion poll that we conducted with Vision Critical. Over 1200 Canadians were asked to provide their opinions and understanding of global poverty issues, who should be addressing those issues and how. The full report was released on May 22 and was very well received by the sector. To view the report please visit the website at [icnpoll.ca](http://icnpoll.ca).



## Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC)

The Canadian Council for International Co-operation is a coalition of Canadian voluntary sector organizations working globally to achieve sustainable human development. CCIC seeks to end global poverty, and to promote social justice and human dignity for all. ACGC values its connection with CCIC. This collaboration allows ACGC a greater opportunity to have the voice and experience of Albertan NGOs heard at the national level and provides member organizations with easier access to information and policy analysis.



## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2012, the statement of operations and changes in net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Alberta Council for Global Cooperation** as at March 31, 2012, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

**SVS Group LLP**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
Edmonton, Alberta  
September 13, 2012

*The information on the following page was taken from audited financial statements.  
Complete financial statements can be obtained from the ACGC office.*



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at March 31, 2012

	2012	2011
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 6,375	\$ 9,293
Accounts receivable	19,306	45,233
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,950	503
	<u>\$ 27,631</u>	<u>\$ 55,029</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 5,532	\$ 3,501
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	–	40,348
	<u>5,534</u>	<u>43,851</u>
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS	<u>22,099</u>	<u>11,180</u>
	<u>\$ 27,631</u>	<u>\$ 55,029</u>

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

for the Year Ended March 31, 2012

	2011	%	2010	%
REVENUE				
CIDA grants	\$ 314,661	75.0	\$ 257,444	60.1
Membership and registration fees	12,080	2.9	12,155	2.8
Interest income	210	0.1	349	0.1
Annual General Meeting fees	6,742	1.6	10,637	2.5
Kaleidoscope Video Challenge	73,086	17.4	142,706	33.4
Other Income	4,600	1.1	3,300	0.8
Workshop	4,679	1.1	1,250	0.3
Summer Temporary Employment Program	3,430	0.8	–	–
	<u>419,488</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>427,841</u>	<u>100.0</u>
EXPENSES				
Administration	34,669	8.3	26,936	6.3
ICN Capacity Building	5,069	1.2	–	–
ICN Public Engagement	1,014	0.24	–	–
ACGC Capacity Building	43,224	10.3	50,217	11.7
Communications	3,996	1.0	9,257	2.2
Kaleidoscope Video Challenge	72,551	–	145,478	34.0
International Development Week	42,364	10.1	18,391	4.3
International Student Leadership Tour	–	–	41,212	9.6
Networking	–	–	2,819	0.7
Professional development	–	–	2,165	0.5
Public engagement project	20,434	4.9	44,992	10.5
Salaries and benefits	171,920	41.0	97,981	22.9
Sector collaboration and gala event	13,328	3.18	–	–
	<u>408,569</u>	<u>80.2</u>	<u>439,450</u>	<u>102.7</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	10,919	19.8	(11,607)	(2.7)
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	11,180		22,787	
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 22,097</u>		<u>\$ 11,180</u>	

It's been great year for the ACGC Membership! With over 75 organizational and individual members in 2012, ACGC is continuously growing and expanding its reach to Albertans. The strength and impact of the Council increases with each new member, and the myriad of voices representing the international development sector ensures that global cooperation is brought to the forefront of citizen dialogue in Alberta. ACGC is incredibly thankful for the contributions our membership have made to our sector and we look forward to another great year of mobilizing greater Albertan participation in international development.

### **Action International Ministries**

ACTION is an evangelical, nondenominational missionary- sending agency that works in Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America. They currently have over 225 missionaries in 22 countries. ACTION missionaries run programs that specialize in reaching the poor to provide spiritual and practical needs-based resources. 3015 A 21st Street NE, Calgary, AB T2E 7T1 403.204.1421 [www.actioninternational.org](http://www.actioninternational.org)

### **Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG)**

The Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) is a student-run, student-funded, non-profit organization dedicated to research, education, advocacy, and action in the public interest. APIRG provides students with resources to be active citizens. They also facilitate opportunities for skill development through internships, educational events, public campaigns and partnerships with community organizations.

9111 - 112 St.NW, HUB Mall,  
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2C5  
780.492.0614 [www.apirg.org/welcome/index.php](http://www.apirg.org/welcome/index.php)

### **Altamas for Peace and Development Association**

Altamas for Peace and Development Association is a non profit association that started its operation in November of 2006. Its mission is to bring together tribes and communities in the Altamas Region, through medication, peace building and development projects. Altamas is the area between South Kurdofan and Northern Baher-algazal in Sudan.

#23 - 401 Grier Ave. NE, Calgary, AB T2K 5S7  
403.274.5568 [www.altamas.ca](http://www.altamas.ca)

### **Association of Canadian Peacemakers International**

The vision of Christian Peacemakers International is to develop and demonstrate a model of peacemaking and peacebuilding that can be emulated by others to address the structural causes of conflict in Central America (CA). The ultimate goal is to reduce the likelihood of more war in CA.

8107 - 44 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6K 0Z3  
780.462.6234 [www.cpi-cpf.ca](http://www.cpi-cpf.ca)

### **Awaso Canadian Academy Foundation**

Awaso's mission is to enable the people to help themselves through providing education for the children of Awaso, Ghana. The main objectives for the project included: Assist children to pass Ghana government exams so they can continue their education and get better paying jobs and feel better about themselves. Build a facility where Father Mensah and others can elevate the children's knowledge and spirituality to enable them to make a better life for themselves and their families.

Box 6961, Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1S3  
780.621.3381 [www.awasoman.ca](http://www.awasoman.ca)

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

Bridges of Hope exists to promote poverty relief and community empowerment amongst the poorest nations on earth. This work is done through enhancing the capabilities and productivity of indigenous organizations, leadership and through people who are committed to poverty relief and community empowerment.

PO Box 81 Stn Main, Lethbridge, AB T1J 3Y3  
403.380.3844 [www.bridgesofhope.ca](http://www.bridgesofhope.ca)

### **Calgary Board of Education Global Learning Services**

The function of the Global Learning Services is to attract international students to study in public schools with the Calgary Board of Education, ensure marketing efforts achieve a diversified international student population, ensure international students are well supported while studying in Calgary, support international students in getting involved in extracurricular activities and clubs, provide international opportunities for CBE students through exchange and the International Certificate, and enable CBE teachers to provide globalized learning opportunities in their classrooms through Global Connect.

2nd Floor, 1221 - 8th St. SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0L4  
403.817.7720 [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca)

### **Canada World Youth**

CWY provides young people from Canada and around the world with the opportunity to travel, live and work in different communities, to learn about local and international development, and to gain important job skills for the future. CWY's mission is to increase the ability of people, and especially youth, to participate actively in the development of just, harmonious and sustainable societies.

2330 Rue Notre-Dame Ouest, Montreal, PQ  
H3J 1N4  
1.800.605.3526 [www.cwy-jcm.org](http://www.cwy-jcm.org)

### **Canadian Association for Participatory Development**

CAPD was founded in 2002 to facilitate inclusion of people with disabilities in Latin America by strengthening their organizations and their connections within their communities. We use

participatory methods to accomplish our goals mindful that we are playing a supportive and not a leadership role in the process of community development. Our work with our community partners focuses on helping them develop the skills required to advocate for people with disabilities in their own communities. Through experience-based learning, leadership skills are enhanced, creativity is unleashed and self confidence is augmented. Our long-term relationships with our partners are based on trust and mutual learning.

44 Scanlon Place NW, Calgary, AB T3L 1V8  
403.202.0673 [www.capdcalgary.org](http://www.capdcalgary.org)

### **Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace**

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis. It is a membership-based organization founded in 1967 by Canada's bishops, laity and clergy to fight poverty in the countries of the South, and to promote greater international justice. During the past 40 years, Development and Peace has provided \$500 million to finance 15,000 projects in 70 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. 8421 - 101 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6A 0L1  
780.424.1557 [www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org)

### **Canadian Crossroads International (CCI)**

Canadian Crossroads International is an international non-profit organization that works to create a more equitable and sustainable world by engaging and strengthening individuals, organizations and communities through mutual learning, solidarity and collective action.

49 Bathurst St., Suite 201, Toronto, ON M5V 2P2  
416.967.1611 [www.cciorg.ca](http://www.cciorg.ca)

### **Canadian Department of Peace Initiative (CDPI)**

Canadian Department of Peace Initiative Edmonton Chapter is a small, lobby group who takes pride that their supporters represent four of the major political parties across Canada. The Edmonton Chapter falls under the National Campaign to establish a Canadian Department of Peace. CDPI National is a founding organization of Global Alliance for Ministries & Departments of Peace. CDPI works towards building a connection between government departments to promote a culture of peace in Canada and around the world. The hope is that the government will bring together 3 major components of peace & security: peace-making, peace keeping, and peace building.

9442 - 144 St., Edmonton, AB T5R 0R9  
780.454.7505 [www.cdpiedmonton.ca](http://www.cdpiedmonton.ca)

### **Canadian Humanitarian**

The mission of Canadian Humanitarian is to provide basic necessities of life such as nutrition, shelter, health care, and education to disadvantaged children everywhere. They work toward this goal through community development

and orphan rescue.  
476 - 4 St. SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 0K6  
403.527.2741 www.canadianhumanitarian.com

**Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan**  
Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan (CW4WAfghan) is a volunteer solidarity network founded in 1996. CW4WAfghan began as a small volunteer network of women in Canada committed to supporting the empowerment of Afghan women and girls. There are now fourteen volunteer chapters and affiliated groups working in solidarity across Canada to support rights and opportunities for Afghan women and girls.  
Marda Loop Box 86016, Calgary, AB. T2T 6B7  
403.244.5625 www.cw4wafghan.ca

**Caro - Canadians Reaching out to the World's Children Foundation**  
This foundation is dedicated to partnering with international communities in need for the improvement of the lives of impoverished, disabled and abandoned children, their families and communities.  
43 Sunflower Crt. SE, Calgary, AB T1B 2H6  
403.529.6296 www.carocanada.ca

**CAUSE Canada**  
Founded in 1984, CAUSE Canada is an International Relief and Development Organization which strives to empower communities and individuals in disadvantaged regions to overcome poverty and improve quality of life. Working in West Africa and Central America, the development priorities of CAUSE include: primary health care; water and sanitation; reforestation; gender-specific development initiatives (women's projects); and micro-enterprise projects.  
Box 8100, Canmore, AB T1W 2T8  
403.678.3332 www.cause.ca

**CEIBA Association**  
The CEIBA Association was founded in August of 2010 by a small group of Project HOPE alumni. For ten years Project HOPE operated within Grant MacEwan University, allowing over 100 students to fundraise for and participate in international development initiatives. In the summer of 2010, it was decided that Project HOPE would no longer be organized by the University, and Ceiba was born. Maintaining the connections and relationships that Project HOPE had built over the years, both locally and abroad, Ceiba now looks towards a new future in international development and youth activism.  
Suite 1, 10011 - 115 St., Edmonton, AB T5K 1S8  
780.448.1505 www.ceibaassociation.com

**Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST)**  
The mission of CAWST is to provide technical training and support in water and sanitation services for those who serve the poor in developing countries. In particular, CAWST is the centre of expertise and distribution for the

Biosand concrete water filtration technology, a low-cost water treatment technology specially designed for use by the poor in developing countries. These household filters are made by local people using materials commonly found in most parts of the world.  
Bay 12, 2916 - 5th Ave. NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6K4  
403.243.3285 www.cawst.org

**Centre for Global Citizenship Education and Research (CGCER)**  
The Center for Global Citizenship and Research is an initiative of the Department of Educational Policy Studies, that seeks to link research, teaching and social action through creating collaborative partnerships that serve the public and the education community. The Center is active in developing a critical research culture of collaboration, creativity, and compassion by bringing together local and global researchers, higher education practitioners, in-service and pre-service teachers, and community educators to work towards social change and justice.  
7-104 Education North, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2G5  
780.492.4879 http://cgcer.wordpress.com

**Change for Children Association (CFCA)**  
Change for Children promotes action for systemic change and sustainable development through solidarity and partnership, by nurturing community, and by maintaining an integral, vital and stable organization. CFCA's mandate is to support the poor in their own process of organizing to achieve an increased, active role in promoting peace, democracy, human rights, and improved living conditions, accomplished through: growth in understanding of unfair structures and the growing popular resistance to those structures; learning from people with whom we partner to accompany them in the struggle for justice; and acting in development with a sense of urgency and commitment.  
2nd Floor, 10808 - 124 St., Edmonton, AB T5M 0H3  
780.448.1505 www.changeforchildren.org

**CHF**  
CHF is a non-profit organization dedicated to enabling poor rural communities in developing countries to attain sustainable livelihoods. Their goal to deliver effective, sustainable and transformational development solutions is being realized via the Sustainable Livelihoods Approach. In over 40 years, CHF has implemented over 800 projects in more than 40 countries.  
323 Chapel St., Ottawa, ON K1N 7Z2  
613.237.0180 www.chf-partners.ca

**Covenant International Ministry**  
Covenant International is a faith based multifaceted development organization. It was established to facilitate and inspire transformation in its fullest extent in the nation of Ethiopia and in due time in other countries at the community level.  
PO Box 744, STN Main, Calgary, AB T2P 2J3

403.923.2987 www.covenantint.org

**Cuso International**  
Cuso International is a civil society development agency that works through volunteers. Cuso International sends Canadians and Americans abroad to work on collaborative development projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Cuso International places people of all ages who have the hands-on know-how and perspectives needed to work with organizations working to overcome poverty.  
1460 Howe St., Vancouver, BC V6Z 1R8  
604.566.3368 www.cuso.org

**Engineers Without Borders - Canada**  
Engineers Without Borders creates opportunities for rural Africans to access clean water, generate an income from small farms, and have improved access to the services and infrastructure they need to improve their lives. They harness the problem-solving approach and creative pragmatism of the Canadian engineering sector to address the root causes of poverty in rural Africa.  
Calgary Place, RPO Box 20364, Calgary, AB T2P 4J4  
National Office: Suite 302, 312 Adelaide St. W, Toronto, ON M5V 1R2  
403.619.5958 http://ewb.ca

**Four Worlds Centre for Developing Learning**  
The Four Worlds Centre for Development emerged out of Indigenous peoples' community healing and development efforts in North America in the early 1980s. Since then, the Four Worlds Centre has worked extensively in rural and urban settings in every corner of North America, as well as in Africa, Southeast Asia, the Pacific, the former Soviet Union and Latin America. It is well known for its culturally based approach to development work, for its participatory and trans-disciplinary approach, and for its down-to-earth articulation of principles and models to guide human and community transformation.  
Box 395, Cochrane, AB T4C 1A6  
403.932.0882 www.fourworlds.ca

**Ghost River Rediscovery**  
Drawing on the strengths of Indigenous culture, the wisdom of the Elders, with the philosophy of love and respect for the Earth and all peoples, Ghost River Rediscovery aims at empowering people of all ages and cultures to discover the natural world, the worlds between cultures and the worlds within themselves.  
Suite 164, 3359 - 27 St. NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 5E4  
403.270.9351 www.ghostriverrediscovery.com

**Global Centre for Outreach Foundation**  
Global Centre For Outreach Foundation is a registered Canadian non-profit organization with the objective to alleviate human suffering through education and awareness campaigns on poverty, illiteracy and diseases.  
#104, 10630 - 114 St., Edmonton, AB T4H 3J9  
780.802.4384 http://globalcentrefoundation.org

## **Global, Environmental, and Outdoor Educators Council (GEOEC)**

Global Environmental and Outdoor Educators Council is one of 23 specialist Councils of the Alberta Teachers' Association. Their mission is to promote quality professional development for teachers in the area of global, environmental, and outdoor education.

5720 - 113B St., Edmonton, AB T6E 0S5  
780.438.4818 [www.geoec.org](http://www.geoec.org)

## **Helping Youth through Educational Scholarships (HYTES)**

Helping Youth Through Educational Scholarships (HYTES) is a Canadian not-for-profit organization that has no affiliation with any government or religion. They raise funds in Canada to provide scholarships in developing nations. Their current focus is on paying for secondary tuition costs for community minded and financially challenged students in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Guatemala.

2024 34 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2T 2C3  
403.291.9812 [www.hytes.org](http://www.hytes.org)

## **HIV Edmonton**

HIV Edmonton's vision is to work with the whole community, in a global context, ensuring: There are no new HIV infections; People living with HIV live longer, healthier lives, free of stigma; Everyone affected by HIV gets the services they need without barriers or discrimination. HIV Edmonton's education and research initiatives aim to bridge the gap between local and global HIV/AIDS issues.

9702 - 111 Ave., Edmonton, AB T5G 0B1  
780.488.5742 [www.hivedmonton.com](http://www.hivedmonton.com)

## **Innovative Canadians for Change (ICChange)**

Innovative Canadians for Change is a Canadian NGO composed of experts and students from all across Canada, who are putting their diverse skills and talents together for the common goal of improving the quality of life and security of vulnerable populations. This organization will act as an umbrella for projects like the Kenya Ceramic Project and other exciting new efforts we are implementing worldwide, new technologies we are developing and new relationships we are fostering with other non-profits, universities, UN and governments.

9127 - 84 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6C 1E5  
780.289.8915 [www.icchange.ca](http://www.icchange.ca)

## **John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights**

Named after the late John Peters Humphrey, the principal drafter of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, the Centre's mission is to advance the universal implementation of human rights through teaching education of all people, with a specific focus on children and youth. A commitment to human rights, it is envisioned, will move us towards a sustainable peace and human development, locally and internationally.

7723 - 85 St., Edmonton, AB T6C 3B4  
780.453.2638 [www.johnhumphreycentre.org](http://www.johnhumphreycentre.org)

## **Keiskamma Canada Foundation**

Keiskamma is a non-profit that is dedicated to supporting the work of the Keiskamma Trust in South Africa by raising awareness and funds for their health and art projects. They have a long-term commitment to building relationships in efforts to restore lives devastated by the AIDS pandemic.

PO Box 34199, 126 Kingsway Mall,  
Edmonton, AB T5G 3G4  
780.454.2474 [www.keiskammacanada.com](http://www.keiskammacanada.com)

## **Kleos Microfinance Group (KleosMFG)**

The Kleos Microfinance Group is a Calgary based organization that focuses on development. The Group is aimed towards improving the living conditions for those people around the globe that are in the greatest need of economic assistance. Loans and credits are provided to those people who are not considered to be bankable, those who lack the required collateral, credit history, or formal income to be considered by major banks as reliable credit recipients.

2900 Signal Hill Dr SW, Calgary, AB T3H 2V1  
403.831.8752 [www.kleosmfg.org](http://www.kleosmfg.org)

## **L'Institut Indo-Canadien Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute**

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is a unique binational organization that promotes understanding between India and Canada. To achieve this goal, the Institute funds a variety of academic activities and exchanges between these partner countries.

1402 Education Tower, University of Calgary,  
2500 University Drive, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4  
403.220.7467 [www.sici.org](http://www.sici.org)

## **Lifeline Malawi**

Lifeline Malawi Association is an independent Canadian humanitarian medical relief and development organization headquartered in Calgary. It is dedicated to providing medical aid without discrimination to the people of developing countries. It works to provide excellence and leadership in health care through community based health centres, outreach programs, partnerships and capacity building initiatives.

210, 1289 Highfield Cres SE, Calgary, AB T2G 5M2  
403.214.7780 [www.lifelinemalawi.com](http://www.lifelinemalawi.com)

## **Light Up the World Foundation**

The Light up the World Foundation brings ultra-efficient, durable and near permanent White Light Emitting Diodes (WLED) lighting solutions powered by renewable energy to the world's poor in ecologically sensitive and remote rural areas. Since inception, LUTW has lit up more than 14,000 homes in 42 countries. LUTW's goal of reaching the approximately 2 billion people worldwide without access to adequate lighting is ongoing.

244 - 13 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0K2  
403.266.5004 [www.lutw.org](http://www.lutw.org)

## **Maharashtra Seva Samiti Organization (MSSO)**

MSSO was established in 1984 by immigrants from the Maharashtra State in India. It is a volunteer based registered charity which helps grassroots volunteer groups in India implement projects that are locally deemed appropriate to better the lives of the people there. MSSO assistance priorities are in vocational training, health care and family planning, water and sanitation, and sound environmental development.

508, 330 - 26 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2S 2T3  
403.252.9686 [www.mssoonline.org](http://www.mssoonline.org)

## **Marda Loop Justice Film Festival**

The Marda Loop Justice Film Festival is a documentary film festival and a hub of global citizen engagement promoting understanding of justice issues and advocating for the well being of local and global neighbours. Its goals include fostering awareness and understanding of injustices and indignities suffered by many in our world, telling stories of hope in action, facilitating conversations around justice, views of the world, essential questions, and the greater common good. The Festival collaborates with other justice film festivals, community institutions of learning, civil society, faith, media, government and business to establish projects that achieve shared goals of justice awareness and public engagement.

56 Glenview Dr. SW, Calgary, AB T3E 4H5  
403.240.2975 [www.justicefilmfestival.ca](http://www.justicefilmfestival.ca)

## **Mennonite Central Committee - Alberta**

Mennonite Central Committee - Alberta is an NGO that works with national and international programs for relief, development, peace and education.

#210, 2946 - 32 St. NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 6J7  
403.275.6935 [www.alberta.mcc.org](http://www.alberta.mcc.org)

## **Micah Centre at King's University College**

The Micah Center at King's University College advances student awareness of justice issues and creates opportunities for experiential learning opportunities around the world through internships.

9125 - 50th St., Edmonton, AB T6B 2H3  
780.465.3500 Ext. 8070 [www.micahcentre.ca](http://www.micahcentre.ca)

## **One Child's Village**

One Child's Village is a non-governmental, non-religious, not-for-profit society of volunteers who are united in values and who seek to enhance the quality of life for all members of the global community, especially those who are poor, suffering or are otherwise disadvantaged. The emphasis in their work is placed on supporting orphans affected by or infected by HIV/AIDS.

7954 - 84th Ave., Edmonton, AB T6C 1C5  
780.433.3342 [www.onechildsvillage.org](http://www.onechildsvillage.org)

## **One! International Poverty Relief**

One! International is a volunteer organization working toward the betterment of life for children and families in Mumbai (Bombay),

India. It is a non-governmental (non-profit), non-sectarian organization that depends on financial support primarily from individuals as well as businesses and other organizations. The main goal of One! is the future. And of course the key to the future is the children and the youth. Basic education for children is a must. However, in order to accomplish this, education must also be extended to the older population by conveying education's necessity.

112 Garland Cr. Sherwood Park, AB T8A 2R2  
780.467.6254 [www.one-international.com](http://www.one-international.com)

#### **Operation Eyesight Universal**

Operation Eyesight is an international development organization dedicated to treating and preventing blindness in the developing world. Since 1963, their programs have restored sight to more than two million people and treated 33 million others for a variety of potentially blinding eye problems.

4 Parkdale Crescent NW, Calgary, AB T2N 3T8  
403.283.6323 [www.operationeyesight.com](http://www.operationeyesight.com)

#### **Optometry Giving Sight**

Optometry Giving Sight is an initiative that specifically targets the prevention of blindness and impaired vision due to uncorrected refractive error - the need for eye glasses to see. At least 670 million people around the world are blind or vision impaired simply because they do not have access to an eye examination and a pair of glasses. Optometry Giving Sight funds the solution by supporting programs that offer not only eye exams and glasses in countries with little or no access to them, but that establish the infrastructure and human resources required for sustainable, quality vision care.

4 Parkdale Crescent NW, Calgary, AB T2N 3T8  
403.670.2619 [www.givingsight.org](http://www.givingsight.org)

#### **Oxfam Canada**

Oxfam Canada believes Canadians and other citizens of the world can end poverty and injustice by working together in solidarity to assert their basic human rights. Oxfam Canada supports 28 countries around the world to secure basic human rights, combining support to long-term development and humanitarian responses with research, advocacy and campaigning against the root causes of poverty and injustice. Their programs are located in the Americas, the Horn of Africa, Southern Africa, and South Asia.

416 - 21st St. East, Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 0C2  
306.242.4097 [www.oxfam.ca](http://www.oxfam.ca)

#### **Project Shelter Wakadogo**

Project Shelter Wakadogo is trying to raise awareness for the plight of the children of northern Uganda. Since its creation it has grown and evolved into an internationally recognized charitable organization. We call it Project Shelter Wakadogo, which means "for the little ones" in Swahili.

36, 9520 - 174 St. SW, Edmonton, AB T5T 5Z3  
780.930.2101 <http://shelterwakadogo.org>

#### **Rainbow for the Future**

Rainbow for the Future is a Canadian development agency dedicated to the organization and integration of sustainable relief efforts throughout Africa. Some of their current projects include literacy programs for girls in Ethiopia and irrigation projects.

10712 - 101 St., Westlock, AB T7P 1H7  
780.349.5631 [www.rainbowftf.org](http://www.rainbowftf.org)

#### **Rainbow of Hope for Children**

Rainbow of Hope for Children is an Alberta-based NGO working for human development in Brazil, Central America, the Philippines, and Africa. ROHFC works with their international partners in the areas of education, political awareness, health and wellness, life skills, women's capacity building, land reform, agriculture, and marketing techniques. At home, they provide education services to schools, communities and church groups through experienced speakers and their publication, NEXUS.

PO Box 2883, Wainright, AB T9W 1S7  
780.842.6091 [www.rainbowofhopeforchildren.ca](http://www.rainbowofhopeforchildren.ca)

#### **RESULTS Canada**

RESULTS CANADA is a national network of volunteers. We are committed to creating the political will to end hunger and the worst aspects of poverty in Canada and around the world, and to demonstrating that individuals do make a difference.

103 - 153 Chapel St., Ottawa, ON K1N 1H5  
613.562.9240 <http://results-resultats.ca>

#### **Sahakarini Inter-World Education and Development Association**

Sahakarini exists to promote, encourage and assist international aid and development, as well as encourage and foster development education activity.

PO Box 1685, Camrose, AB T4V 1X6  
403.672.8222 [www.sahakarini.org](http://www.sahakarini.org)

#### **Samaritan's Purse - Canada**

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970 Samaritan's Purse has helped meet the needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

20 Hopewell Way NE, Calgary, AB T3J 5H5  
403.250.6565 [www.samaritanspurse.ca](http://www.samaritanspurse.ca)

#### **Somali Canadian Education and Rural Development Organization (SCERDO)**

SCERDO is committed to promote crucial education and development needs for Somalis at home and around the world. SCERDO is currently working to promote education for peace and sustainable development in primary schools in parts of Northern Somalia. They have also launched a campaign to promote the importance of education and rural development for Somalia's future development.

12052 Fort Road, Edmonton, AB T5B 4H1  
780.491.0233 [www.scerdo.org](http://www.scerdo.org)

#### **Sombrilla International Development Society**

Sombrilla is an Edmonton based NGO supporting development projects in South and Central America. Sombrilla works in partnership and solidarity with our partners in the South. We presently have projects in Peru and Guatemala with a focus on clean water, education and food security. Sombrilla also partners with local youth such as Scouts and high school students to further awareness of global issues and to raise funds for our projects.

11424 - 77 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6G 0L8  
780.988.2976 [www.sombrilla.ca](http://www.sombrilla.ca)

#### **Stop TB Canada**

Stop TB Canada initiative is part of a global movement to accelerate social and political action to stop the unnecessary spread of tuberculosis around the world.

Email: [anne.fanning@ualberta.ca](mailto:anne.fanning@ualberta.ca)

#### **The Canadian Moravian Mission Society**

The Canadian Moravian Mission Society was established in Alberta to promote the mission work of the Moravian Church and foster outreach and connection within the Moravian congregations. As part of the Worldwide Moravian Unity it works to support work in Central America, Tanzania, South Africa, Kenya, India, Nepal, Peru and Sierra Leone.

8008 - 161 St. NW, Edmonton, Alberta T5R 2K6  
780.486.2283 [www.moravian.ca](http://www.moravian.ca)

#### **The Human Development Foundation**

Human Development Foundation provides primary Education, Primary Health and Community development by Social Mobilization in remote rural areas of Pakistan. We believe in the motto of SELF HELP and practice it with full participation of communities we serve.

4208 Ramsey Road, Edmonton, AB T6H 5R2  
780.430.6994 [www.hdfcanada.org](http://www.hdfcanada.org)

#### **The Leprosy Mission**

The Leprosy Mission Canada was formed in Guelph in 1892. Since then, they have supported those affected by this terrible disease. In 1892 there was no cure - our work consisted of prayer and support. When a cure was found, the work became diagnosing and bringing the cure to as many as possible. The Leprosy Mission's work now still includes these things - and so much more. It includes rehabilitation, small business loans, training, running self help groups and teaching people to live with the effects of leprosy.

100 - 100 Mural St., Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1J3  
905.886.2885 [www.leprosy.ca](http://www.leprosy.ca)

## **The Nile Valley Foundation Learning Centre (NVFLC)**

The NVFLC is committed to fostering the awareness of history as a tool for positive social change and an opportunity for dialogue on important historical issues in our community. Its goal is to use history as a tool to create racial and cultural harmony in a spirit of community and cooperation to help erase stereotypes.

Unit 704, 10039 - 103 St., Edmonton, AB T5J 3G4  
780.340.2289 [www.nilevalleyfoundation.org](http://www.nilevalleyfoundation.org)

## **The Tamaraneh Society for Community Development and Support**

The Tamaraneh Society for Community Development and Support exists to support the basic human needs development of Ro-Mano Village in Sierra Leone, West Africa, which was ravaged by civil war and is currently in the position of having to rebuild. The development work is focused on the education of children and youth and the basic health needs of the community. The society raises funds and collaborates with partners in Sierra Leone to determine the needs of the community, provide initial funding for start-up/self-help and maintenance of basic education and health care and enable the community to reach some form of local sustainability of basic needs through local entrepreneurship.

PO Box 78170, RPO Callingwood, Edmonton, AB T5T 6A1  
780.993.1062 [www.tamaraneh.org](http://www.tamaraneh.org)

## **Tools for Schools Africa Foundation (TFS-A Fdn.)**

Tools for Schools Africa works to improve the quality of life in the Northern Region of Ghana by enhancing educational opportunities for girls. We are based in Damongo and presently have 44 bright and motivated girls on scholarship, most at the junior and senior high levels. In the past year we built a boarding house for junior high girls and this year are publishing a children's ABC Book about Northern Ghana. We also have a registered NGO in Ghana, and plan to ship a container fall 2011. If anyone is interested in a one on one relationship with a girl and agrees to help sponsor post secondary education, please contact us. This can cost as little as \$1,000 a year.

4757 - 56 St., Red Deer, AB T4N 2K2  
403.340.3889 [www.tfs-africa.org](http://www.tfs-africa.org)

## **Trickster Theatre**

Trickster Theatre has been working in Alberta schools for 30 years, providing a popular Residency Program to schools for over 20 years. Nearly 500 schools have held Trickster Residencies. These have covered all grade levels. Currently the focus is on Kids Go Global where student theatre performances are based on global issues. Kids Go Global aims to build connections between NGOs and schools.

Suite 980, 105 - 150 Crowfoot Cres. NW,  
Calgary, AB T3G 3T2  
403.288.9393 [www.trickstertheatre.com](http://www.trickstertheatre.com)

## **True Vision Ghana**

True Vision Ghana (TVG) is a Ghanaian-run not-for-profit organization that works with disadvantaged groups in Northern Ghana on HIV/AIDS issues. They currently work with AIDS orphans in Northern Ghana through their Care and Aid Program, ensuring that the orphans are receiving basic needs such as food, medicine and education. True Vision Ghana also works with rural junior high schools to discuss sexual health issues and prevention as well as works with caregivers of orphans supported in the Care and Aid Program.

14735 Deer Run Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 5Z1  
403.874.6588 [www.truevisionghana.org](http://www.truevisionghana.org)

## **UEnd Foundation (UEnd: Poverty)**

UEnd: empowers you to give a new kind of gift-one that helps eradicate extreme poverty and changes the way we think about giving through the redirection of a small portion of your gift spending.

#200, 5716 1st St. SE, Calgary, AB T2G 1H8  
866.629.0516 [www.uend.org](http://www.uend.org)

## **Unisphere Global Resource Centre**

The Unisphere Global Resource Centre is a community-based charity dedicated to global issues such as poverty, famine, and human rights issues. Unisphere educates individuals about global issues as well as issues that affect them locally.

101 - 6th St. SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1G7  
403.529.2656  
<http://nonprofit.memlane.com/unisphere>

## **United Nations Association in Canada - Edmonton Branch (UNAC)**

The Edmonton Branch of UNAC is part of a nationwide group of voluntary, non-partisan United Nations organizations concerned with global affairs. It is comprised of interested Canadians in the greater-Edmonton area who seek solutions to world problems through the effective use of the UN, its specialized agencies, and other multilateral institutions. This branch is committed to promoting awareness of critical issues such as the environment, human rights, disarmament, and development.

Grant MacEwan College, 10700 - 104 Ave.,  
Edmonton, AB T5J 4S2  
780.439.6292 [www.edmonton.unac.org](http://www.edmonton.unac.org)

## **University of Alberta International - Global Education Program**

Driven by its vision to connect with the world, UAI works to support the creation of an internationally vibrant learning and research environment. UAI's broad suite of services assists students, staff and community in virtually every aspect of international engagement at the U of A.

3 - 657 Enterprise Square, 10230 Jasper Ave.,  
Edmonton, AB T5J 4P6  
780.492.5962 [www.international.ualberta.ca](http://www.international.ualberta.ca)

## **Women's Empowerment International Foundation (WEIF)**

WEIF's mission is to alleviate poverty in Central and South Asia, particularly among women and children. Our programs focus on four core social issues: education, infrastructure, economic development and health care.

132 Bainbridge Cres. NW, Edmonton, AB T5T 6B4  
780.707.5431 [www.weif.org](http://www.weif.org)

## **World Fit For Children - Alberta Chapter**

World Fit For Children (WFFC) is a non-governmental, non-sectarian, international children's organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. WFFC believes strongly that as a children's organization, the only way to help children is to ask them directly, as it is the children themselves who can best tell us what they need. Consisting of a group of volunteers, the Alberta Chapter advocates and organizes fundraising events for projects that take place in the developing world.

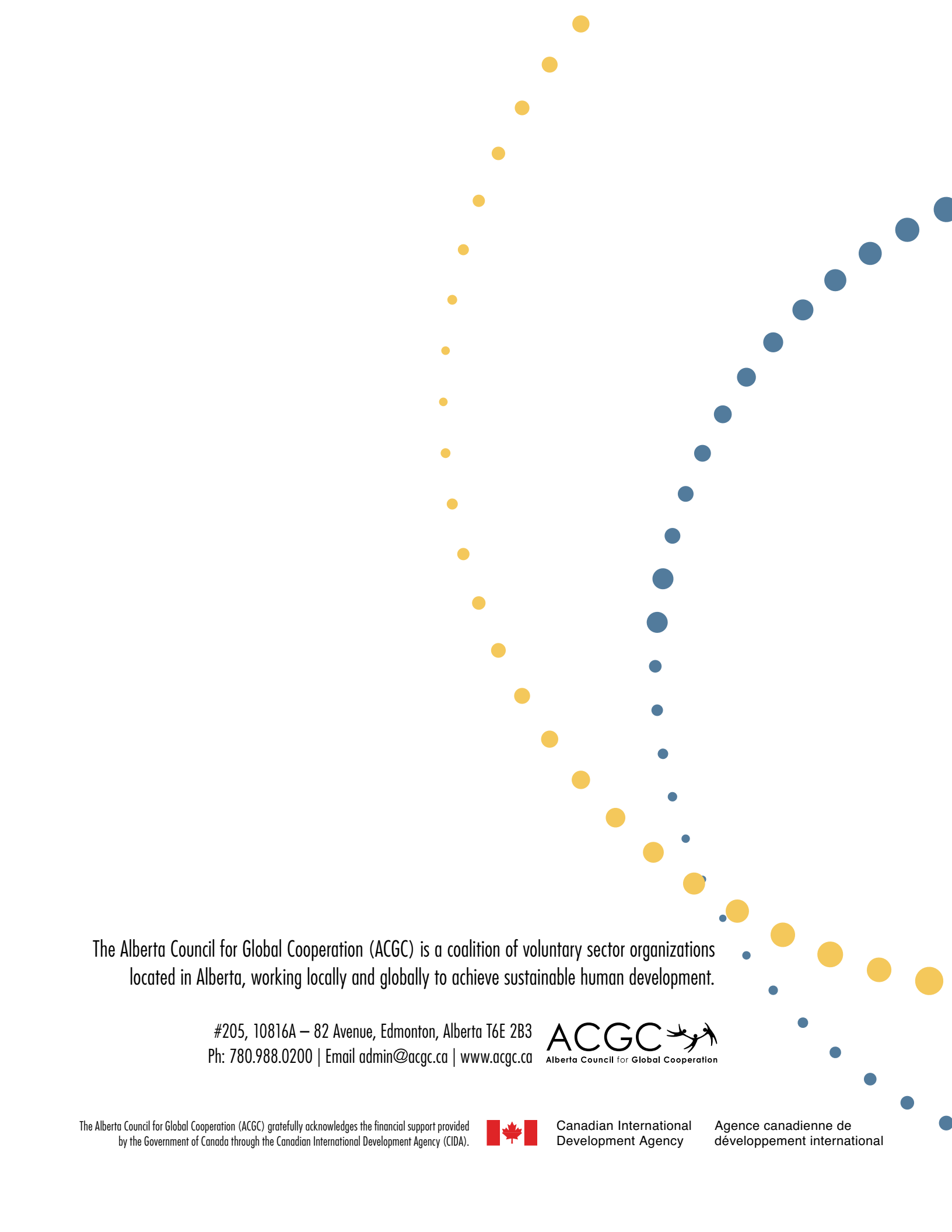
10835 84 Ave., Edmonton, AB T6E 2J1  
780.690.1492 [www.worldfitforchildren.com](http://www.worldfitforchildren.com)

## **World University Service of Canada (WUSC)**

WUSC is a network of individuals and postsecondary institutions who believe that all peoples are entitled to the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to a more equitable world. Our mission is to foster human development and global understanding through education and training.

PO Box/ CP 3000 Stn/Succ. C (1404 Scott St.),  
Ottawa, ON K1Y 4M8  
613.798.7477 [www.wusc.ca](http://www.wusc.ca)





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.

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