



2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT



ACGC
ALBERTA COUNCIL FOR
GLOBAL COOPERATION

Cover: Image by Paul Twa for the Together notebook

Below: Image from the Together notebook story by ACGC member Keiskamma Canada Foundation
"Tapestries for Hope: Promoting Healthy and Vibrant Communities in the Eastern Cape of South Africa"



ACGC Mission & Objectives

The Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) is a network of organizations and individuals, located in Alberta, working locally and globally to advance sustainable development and global citizenship. This network includes ACGC members, comprised of civil society organizations and individuals.

We share the vision that all people can fulfill their potential and prosper, become engaged citizens in peaceful, just, and inclusive societies, and thrive in a healthy, sustainable world.

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 by mobilizing 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.

The objectives are to be achieved by focusing on the following strategic priorities:

- acting as a knowledge hub for international development organizations;
- raising a collective voice that advances members' interests and strengthens government relations;
- promoting global citizenship by providing educational materials and catalyzing members and networks;
- championing the Sustainable Development Goals in Alberta;
- and, managing organizational growth to ensure sustainability and impact.

Core Values:

Respect

Inclusiveness

Equality

Empowerment

Human Rights

Collaboration

Accountability

Transparency

Sustainability

Mutual Learning

Board & Staff Members 2017-2018

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Image by Alex Kwizera from the Together notebook story "Restoring Sight, Transforming Lives" by ACGC member Operation Eyesight

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Letter from the Chair of the Board & the Executive Director

It has been an honour to serve as the chair of the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation. I have greatly enjoyed working alongside the ACGC staff , particularly working closely with Heather McPherson, our outstanding executive director. It is these folks who generate so much activity within the council and make us proud to be a part of ACGC.

As always, the staff have had an extraordinarily busy year. There are three relatively new directions that the council has taken, in addition to their regular activities.

First they have submitted their next five year plan to Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and await its approval. The current funding cycle ends in April 2019, and as with any organization dependent on government funding, we are acutely aware that delays are the norm. The board of directors and staff worked closely with members of the council to identify key areas for programming in the coming years and we are very excited about the innovative and interesting ideas ACGC has proposed.

The second exciting activity is the second Together Symposium, engaging industry , academe, civil society , and government sectors in a broad dialogue on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and each of our roles in reaching them. This year's symposium will build on the very successful first Together 2017 held in Calgary in October 2017.

I am also excited about the third new undertaking, which, with significant funding provided by the Government of Alberta, ACGC will be undertaking the creation of a geo-spatial visualization of engagement on the SDGs across Alberta. Working with the Alberta SDG Network and the Community Foundations of Canada on this project , ACGC hopes to create a unique visualization tool that will map the SDG participation across Alberta as well as share stories of organizations engaged in the SDGs, linked through our Together blog (<http://together.acgc.ca/>) .

It is important to note that through these enormous efforts by the staff, ACGC is no longer totally dependent on GAC funding, in fact now close to 30% of our income is from other sources such as Community Initiative Program, and in the case of the Together Symposium, sponsorship from various invested groups.

Congratulations Heather and the staff!



Anne Fanning, Chair of the Board



Anne Fanning, Chair
ACGC Board of Directors



Heather McPherson
ACGC Executive Director

"The work we all do is challenging and difficult much of the time, and the examples set by ACGC members, staff and board make the work rewarding." Heather McPherson, Executive Director

Last year was a landmark year that, I believe, the staff, board, and members of the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation will look back upon as a pivotal moment in the history of the council and a turning point in how we, as a sector, engage with others to create true, meaningful sustainable development both in Canada and around the world.

The Canadian Government, led by Minister Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, made huge strides this year in ensuring Canada takes its place on the world's stage; introducing Canada's new Feminist International Assistance Policy in June 2017 followed by the Policy for Civil Society Partnerships for International Assistance – A Feminist Approach. The focus on improving the lives of women and girls through empowerment and gender equality is encouraging and strongly supported by our sector.

In May 2017, Minister Bibeau also announced \$100 million for a five-year pilot for Small and Medium Organizations (SMOs). In her announcement the Minister stated that "consistent with SDG 17, our government will foster new and diverse partnerships, and this will include working with small and medium-sized organizations". ACGC was delighted to see a focus on those organizations who have had less access to funding opportunities in the past decade and we will continue our advocacy efforts to ensure the excellent work done by SMOs is recognized and rewarded.

Global Affairs has also reached out for increased input from its partners on how to improve their effectiveness. I was invited to participate on the Taskforce for Implementing Effectiveness, convened by Global Affairs Canada with participation by international development leaders and representatives across the country. The Taskforce has begun the process of looking at ways to streamline all aspects of Global Affairs relationship with partners.

Speaking of partners, 2017 was a year all about partnerships at the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation. In October 2017, ACGC in partnership with the University of Calgary and with support from a numbers of private sector and civil society organizations, held a two-day symposium entitled

Together: Collaboration, Innovation and the Sustainable Development Goals. Together 2017 set the foundation for how government, business, and civil society can work together to use the SDGs as a framework and common language. The symposium provided the opportunity to learn, share and connect with individuals across various sectors. Together 2017 emphasized the importance of partnerships and we are pleased to announce that Together 2018 — the second annual, internationally recognized symposium fostering collaboration and innovation around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Canada and beyond — will be held this November 5 & 6, 2018 in Edmonton, hosted in partnership with the University of Alberta.

ACGC also partnered the Alberta Government to bring you *Together: Alberta's Notebook for the Global Goals*; a print and digital storytelling initiative sharing stories of how Albertans are working towards the achievement of Agenda 2030. We are excited to continue to profile stories of success and will be extending this program to include mapping of Albertan SDG resources throughout Alberta in 2018.

This November, I will have been the Executive Director of the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation for 10 years. There has been a lot of change in the organization and the sector over that time and I hope I have contributed to some of those positive changes. I feel very blessed and privileged to work in this sector, alongside the passionate, dedicated, very funny ACGC staff, the smart, committed ACGC board and with each of our members and partners, working together to make the world a better place. The work we all do is challenging and difficult much of the time, and the examples set by ACGC members, staff and board make the work rewarding.

I look towards the future with a great deal of optimism and I look forward to the opportunity to continue working with our members, our sector, the Government of Canada and Alberta, and the thousands of Albertans working to make the world a more fair and just place. Together we are stronger!



Heather McPherson, Executive Director

Building Sector Capacity

ACGC is focused on providing capacity building, skill training, and knowledge sharing opportunities for members that have significant impact on their ability to engage in sustainable international development and cooperation. Through formal member surveys and informal feedback processes, ACGC solicits from our members what they believe to be their greatest gaps and needs. ACGC is able to provide supportive programming and capacity building on both these and other topics of importance for our members.

ACGC has provided 29 different capacity building and knowledge sharing events over the past year, many of which centred on the Sustainable Development Goals.

A number of opportunities were organized for members to build relationships, share resources and good practices on sustainable development over the past year.



Board Chair Anne Fanning addresses attendees at the ACGC Annual General Meeting



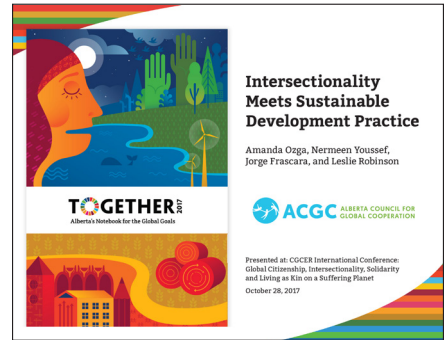
In February ACGC convened 28 representatives from 17 member organizations to look back on our coalition's achievements in 2017, review ACGC's strategic plan, and brainstorm ways to move forward. Feedback was gathered to inform our GAC 4-year proposal for 2019 to 2023. It was an incredible opportunity to connect with members and have conversations about where members require support from ACGC.



ACGC member John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights launch their "River" mural on World Water Day at the University of Alberta LRT

70% of members have perceived a positive change in their performance in areas of development effectiveness as a result of participating in ACGC activities.

“At ACGC the concept of intersectionality is replaced with partnerships’ because people are less concerned with labelling the causal source of dominance hierarchies than they are with addressing and solving the issues.”
—Arden Burtnik, ACGC summer student



ACGC presented at the CGCER Conference: Global Citizenship, Intersectionality, Solidarity and Living as Kin on a Suffering Planet.

ACGC hosted 4 Development Drinks networking events in Calgary and Edmonton

Sustainable Development Drinks and Edmonton launch of the Together notebook, November 28 at the Upper Crust



Oxfam Canada hosts a "How Change Happens" conversation, April 9 at the University of Alberta

ACGC Executive Director Heather McPherson attends the Canadian Council for International Cooperation's 50th anniversary Soirée with greetings from the Honourable Marie Claude Bibeau on May 9



Together 2017: Collaboration, Innovation & the SDGs

ACGC was pleased to host **Together 2017: Collaboration, Innovation and the Sustainable Development Goals**, the first-ever annual multi-stakeholder SDG Symposium held in Calgary on October 23 and 24.

This Symposium provided an opportunity to showcase the work being done across sectors and celebrate accomplishments while recognizing the work that still needs to be achieved in order to accomplish the SDGs. It set the foundation for how government, business, and civil society can work together to use the SDGs as a framework and common language, creating better organizations in a better world.

270 attendees, representing 150 organizations, participated in Together 2017



Delegates from various sectors gathered at the University of Calgary for Together 2017



Millie Adam of CAWST engages with delegates during the Getting to 2030 Showcase

ACGC published the **Together 2017** report in January, announcing that ACGC will host **Together 2018** in **Edmonton**



Together 2017 delegates John McArthur gives keynote address



Conversations at Together 2017 captured by Julie Murray

ACGC was 1 of 5 finalists, out of 700 nominated projects from around the world, for the United Nations SDG Action Awards in Bonn, Germany



Heather McPherson and Laveza Khan at the Global Festival of Action in Bonn

ACGC was a Finalist at the Global Festival of Action

In March Heather McPherson and Laveza Khan went to Bonn, Germany to represent ACGC at the Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development. ACGC was one of 38 finalists for the United Nations SDG Action Awards for the Together 2017 Symposium.

It was a privilege to be amongst some of the greatest innovative minds, community mobilizers and SDG advocates from across the Globe. The days were packed with interactive sessions that focused on how to put the SDGs into action through innovation, citizen engagement, communication, mobilization and multi-stakeholder engagement.

Overall, through exemplars from around the globe, we were reminded that tackling the SDGs requires innovative and intersectional processes with a constant eye to leaving no one behind.

We are excited to channel the momentum towards advancing the 2030 Agenda as we convene this fall in Edmonton, Alberta for Together 2018.

ACGC Storytelling & Communications



Round table discussion on strategy for the Together notebook hosted by Zag Creative with ACGC members and communications professionals

Together: Albera's Notebook for the Global Goals

ACGC was thrilled to launch the inaugural edition of *Together: Albera's Notebook for the Global Goals*, in both print and online forms, at our symposium in Calgary. The notebook profiles 30 stories from diverse perspectives

that show some of the ways that Albertans and our global partners are working together to achieve a more sustainable and just planet. The notebook includes stories from across sectors — including civil society, government, business, Indigenous peoples, academics, and youth — modeling SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals.



TOGETHER 2017
Albera's Notebook for the Global Goals



Paul Twa's cover image makes reference to all 17 of the SDGs, illustrating how all the goals are related and their solutions contingent upon one another.



The Together creative team from left to right: Amanda Ozga, Arden Burtnik, Melissa Bui, Leslie Robinson, and Richie Assaly

The inaugural edition of the Together notebook includes 30 stories from ACGC members, partners and youth.

Visit together.acgc.ca



Photo from Change for Children's Together notebook story "Teaching Is a Work of Heart: Alberta Teachers Discover Common Ground in Nicaragua"

ACGC Publications

ACGC maintains three electronic e-bulletin publications tailored to specific audiences and the newsletter, ACGC Connect. In 2017-2018, to comply with Canada's new anti-spam legislation, we cleaned up our user lists and moved them to the marketing platform MailChimp, resulting in updated lists, with a total reach slightly less than the previous year.

ACGC E-Bulletin: Sent every second Tuesday, this bulletin continues to be an important tool to disseminate information from our members and partners to the public, reaching 797 subscribers through 26 bulletins in 2017-2018.

ACGC Teach: This bulletin for Alberta teachers and educators is released five times per school year, reaching 773 subscribers in the 2017-2018 year.

ACGC Member Bulletin: This bulletin is used to disseminate member-specific information—on an as needed basis—regarding funding opportunities, capacity

building programming and other timely ACGC, government, and partner information. In the 2017-2018 year 36 bulletins were sent to a list of 134 member emails.

ACGC Connect: ACGC released two Connect newsletters (web hosted pdfs) to members, distributed through bulletins and also placed on a dedicated page on the ACGC website.

Social Media and Website

ACGC uses Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and 3 websites to reach various audiences.

Twitter: Followers increased from 1185 in the previous year to 1415 (up 19%) in the 2017-2018 year and impressions increased from 146 907 to 220 500 (up 50%).

Facebook: Likes increased from 1559 the previous year to 1975 (up 21%) and impressions increased from 234 001 to 246, 721 (up 5%).

ACGC reached 50,000 Albertans through all communication vehicles in 2017-2018.

Instagram: To reach more youth and better share photos, ACGC used our Instagram account, initiated in 2016-2017 and an additional account for the Change Your World tour youth. In 2017-2018 ACGC's main Instagram account had 61 posts with 147 followers, 4706 impressions and a reach of 3012. The Change Your World tour account had 21 posts, 75 followers, 829 engagements and a reach of 5138.

Website: The AGCC main website had 12 378 unique visitors in 2017-2018, down 2% from 13 720 in the previous year. Two new websites were launched, the Together Notebook website with approximately 700 users, and the Together 2017 symposium website, with approximately 1000 users. Thus, overall web traffic increased.

Public Engagement & Global Citizenship Education

Change Your World Youth Leadership Program

This year, ACGC teamed up with the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation to run the Change Your World Youth leadership program. Hosted by the Mennonite Central Committee of Alberta and the Atlantic, 5 youth from Alberta and 4 youth from Atlantic Canada visited projects across central and north-eastern Uganda. Below is a reflection by one participant from Edmonton, Rebeca Munoz Ortiz.

Going abroad is always a life changing experience. Getting to know new people and cultures is extremely exciting, and along the way, you become passionate about issues that you were previously aware of, or found difficult to understand. This past summer I traveled to Uganda alongside four other Alberta youth. During this trip, we visited multiple projects. I must say that the one that caused the biggest impact on me was a project in an elementary school teaching girls and boys to make RUMPS – Reusable Menstrual Pads. In Uganda, many pre-teen girls stay away from school because of the shame they feel when their period begins and they don't possess the resources to properly handle it.



Alberta team: Back: Thomas Coldwell (MCC), Iman Kassam, Aidan Sander
Front: Rebeca Munoz Ortiz, Andy Lee, Alisha Goosney, Leah Ettarh (ACGC)

"Getting to know new people and cultures is extremely exciting, and along the way, you become passionate about issues that you were previously aware of."

This project inspired me because it allows females from the community to obtain sanitary pads that they can continue reusing thanks to the materials they are made from. This project not only provides for the girls in the community, but also, helps teachers reduce the stigma around menstruation in their school through teaching every member of the club to create sanitary pads. It was impressive to see males joining this club and talking to me about the importance for their mothers and sisters to have reusable sanitary pads at home. As a person, I understand the importance of feeling clean and confident in your everyday life.

As a female, I understand the challenges women go through to achieve equal rights in every corner of the world and knowing there is a community in Kamuli, Uganda working with the future generations to achieve it makes me certain we as a global society will get there.

See youth blogs and videos at acgc.ca/updatesnews/blog/

Youth produced 6 videos on the SDGs in the Change Your World Youth Leadership Program. See: www.youtube.com/ACGCnow



Daniel Arzola with Highland Junior High students



Daniel Arzola's artwork unveiled at IDW

Global Citizenship Education

ACGC continues its strong history of support for global citizenship education initiatives. This year, ACGC attended four Teachers' Conventions in Edmonton, Calgary, and Lethbridge, providing workshops and materials on key topics. ACGC consulted with the province on matters related to global citizenship education in the new Alberta K-12 curriculum, through in-person meetings and written feedback. ACGC is excited to support roll-out of the new curriculum by supporting teachers with materials and connections to the non-profit sector.

ACGC partnered with member organization University of Alberta International Global Education Program to co-host Venezuelan LGBTQ2+ activist and 2018 Top 30 Under 30, Daniel Arzola. ACGC coordinated two presentations at Junior High Schools and one at MacEwan University, where Daniel shared about his activism in relation to LGBTQ2+ issues.



Daniel Arzola with MacEwan University students



Change Your World participant, Aidan Sander with Lesotho farmer and Canadian Foodgrains Bank associate, Keke Phooko, doing public engagement in schools in Lethbridge.



ACGC booth at Calgary Teachers' Convention

International Development Week

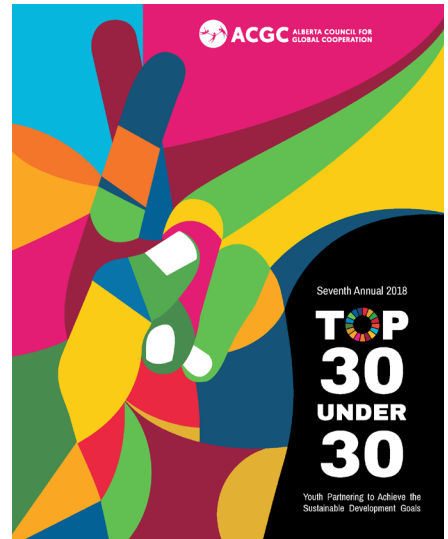
International Development Week (IDW) is always a busy time for ACGC and our members. From February 4 to 10 **ACGC and our members hosted 14 IDW events** including various sessions during University of Alberta International's I-Week. ACGC hosted our 7th annual Top 30 Under 30 Magazine Launch at the University of Alberta and we played supporting roles in member organizations' IDW events. Staff acted as judges for University of Alberta's World's Challenge Competition, and ACGC Executive Director Heather McPherson presented the keynote at Sombrilla International Development Society's annual gala.

ACGC reached 57,000 Albertans during IDW including 40,000 impressions on Twitter and 15,000 on Facebook.

Top 30 Under 30 Magazine

ACGC's 7th annual Top 30 Under 30 Magazine, as always, featured 30 youth under 30, chosen through a competitive nomination process for their contributions serving local and global communities. This year, in addition to printing the magazine and hosting it as a pdf, we posted individual profiles to our website in blog format. This increased online reads by 50%.

The Magazine received coverage from 16 news media outlets, including radio, print, and online channels. Our social media campaign reached 57,000 Albertans.



The 2018 Top 30 Magazine cover design by Amanda Ozga takes the hopeful symbol of "fingers crossed" and infuses it with a spirit of collective strength and togetherness, signaling the agency of Top 30 youth.



Top 30s at the Top 30 Under 30 Magazine Launch with ...

Saige Arcand

“I encourage all Indigenous youth to believe fiercely in themselves and to create a mantra that lets nothing stand in the way of their dreams: visualize it, feel it and achieve it.”

TOP 30 UNDER 30

Youth Partnering to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

ACGC ALBERTA COUNCIL FOR GLOBAL COOPERATION

Our Facebook post highlighting Indigenous Top 30 Saige Arcand reached over 8000 people.

Magazine Launch

The Magazine Launch this year took place on February 2, and we were pleased to receive a great turnout of over 100 attendees. Attendees later reported an increase in their level of interest in global issues and development as a result of attending the launch. ACGC effectively reached a new audience with three quarters of respondents reporting that this event was their first encounter with ACGC.

The Top 30 Magazine was distributed to 1000 people and it received 3070 online reads.



Top 30 Chelsea Donelon with Linda Duncan

We were honoured to have the following dignitaries attend: University of Alberta Chancellor Doug Stollery, Edmonton City Councillor Andrew Knack, MLA Estefania Cortes-Vargas on behalf of Premier Rachel Notley, MLA Rod Loyola, and MP Edmonton-Strathcona Linda Duncan.



The youngest Top 30, Zeel Patel

Three Top 30s, Zeel Patel, Juanita Gnanapragasam, and McNiel-Inyani Keri, spoke about their experiences as young leaders in international and community development.

ACGC in Partnership



The eight councils that make up the ICN.

The Inter-Council Network (ICN) is a coalition of the eight Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation. Currently hosted by the British Columbia Council for International Cooperation, the ICN provides a national forum in which the Councils collaborate for improved effectiveness and identify common priorities for collective action.

ICN Work

New Funding for Small and Medium-Sized Organizations

In May, the Honorable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister for International Cooperation and La Francophonie, announced \$100M for small and medium-sized organizations (SMOs). This funding is split into three components: a Development Impact Window, launched by

Global Affairs Canada in fall 2017; a Knowledge and Capacity Program, which ACGC will lead on behalf of the ICN; and a Fund for Innovation and Transformation, which MCIC will lead on behalf of the ICN. The fund will help SMOs test innovative solutions in the Global South.

Public Engagement Catalyst Forum

In October, Winnipeg hosted the ICN's Public Engagement Catalyst Forum, including a session on "Artists as Catalysts of Social Change," featuring presentations by Canadian artists who use different mediums to inspire social change. The forum brought together people working on global issues from across Canada to explore what inspires change and motivates people to take action.

Working alongside Global Affairs Canada

In June, Global Affairs Canada launched the Feminist International Assistance Policy, followed by Canada's Policy for Civil Society Partnerships for International Assistance — A Feminist Approach in September. With the launch of these new policies, Global Affairs has reached out to the ICN and other stakeholders for input. The ICN now has representatives on the Taskforce on Improving Effectiveness and two members on the CSO Policy Advisory Group.

SDGs 3+10 Pointed

A needle

Cuddles my grandmother's fingers
Names a first grader's blazer
In cross stitch

A needle

Familiar with my trembles
Finally breaks shy skin
Immune

A needle

Hums from friend to friend
Acquaintance to stranger
Enslaves me

A needle

In a paramedic's hand
Extends to a drowning self
Afloat

A needle

Inking loved ones into a grateful body
Counts my years
Clean

A needle

Pleasantly skates over vinyl
Calls our palms to embrace
In dance

The needle

Always points North
Forever oblivious to the cradling hand
Colourblind



Together notebook poem by Nermeen
Youssef with illustration by Amanda Ozga

Auditor's Report & Financial Statement Excerpt

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of

ALBERTA COUNCIL FOR GLOBAL COOPERATION

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Alberta Council for Global Cooperation**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2018, 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 accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, 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' judgement, 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, 2018, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Edmonton, Alberta
August 27, 2018

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

SVS GROUP LLP
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Statement of Financial Position as at March 31st, 2018

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 10,932	\$ 17,340
Accounts receivable	49,267	22,544
Prepaid expenses and deposits	326	326
	<u>\$ 60,525</u>	<u>\$ 40,210</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 33,378	\$ 4,531
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	-	9,784
	<u>33,378</u>	<u>14,315</u>
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS	<u>27,147</u>	<u>25,895</u>
	<u>\$ 60,525</u>	<u>\$ 40,210</u>

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets for the Year Ended March 31st, 2018

	2018	%	2017	%
REVENUE				
GAC grants	\$ 386,835	72.1	\$ 304,664	76.9
Annual SDG conference	62,207	11.6	5,155	1.3
SDG communication initiative	22,500	4.2	-	-
EQWIP	21,509	4.0	59,008	14.9
Other income	19,116	3.6	7,955	2.0
Membership	13,156	2.5	8,952	2.2
Canada summer jobs	9,184	1.7	7,560	1.9
Workshop	1,543	0.3	2,825	0.8
Interest income	196	-	-	-
	<u>536,246</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>396,119</u>	<u>100.0</u>
EXPENSES				
ACGC capacity building	35,956	6.7	21,583	5.4
Administration	38,353	7.2	35,174	8.9
Communications and publications	7,754	1.4	11,331	2.9
EQWIP project	21,509	4.0	59,008	14.9
Inter-council network	8,690	1.6	9,433	2.4
International Development Week	32,870	6.1	27,047	6.8
Public engagement project	28,751	5.4	942	0.2
Salaries and benefits	273,802	51.1	224,357	56.6
SDG communication initiative	32,197	6.0	-	-
SDG Symposium	52,308	9.8	-	-
Sector collaboration	2,804	0.5	4,438	1.1
Teacher training	-	-	264	0.1
	<u>534,994</u>	<u>99.8</u>	<u>393,577</u>	<u>99.3</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>1,252</u>	<u>0.2</u>	<u>2,542</u>	<u>0.7</u>
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>25,895</u>		<u>23,353</u>	
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 27,147</u>		<u>\$ 25,895</u>	

ACGC Members Organizations

2017-2018



Alberta Teachers' Association
www.teachers.ab.ca



Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology
www.cawst.org



Bow Valley College, International Education
www.bowvalleycollege.ca/schools-and-centres/international-education



Centre for Global Citizenship Education and Research
www.ualberta.ca/education/centres-institutes/global-citizenship



Bridges of Hope International Network of Dev Agencies
www.thebridgesofhope.com



Change for Children Association
www.changeforchildren.org



Calgary Board of Education
www.cbe.ab.ca

D. KEITH MACDONALD FOUNDATION

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www.dkmfoundation.org



Canadian Center for Ethnomusicology (CCE)
www.artsrn.ualberta.ca/ccewiki



Development and Peace
<https://www.devp.org/en>



Canadian Global Care Society
www.canadianglobalcare.com



Edmonton Public School Board
www.epsb.ca



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