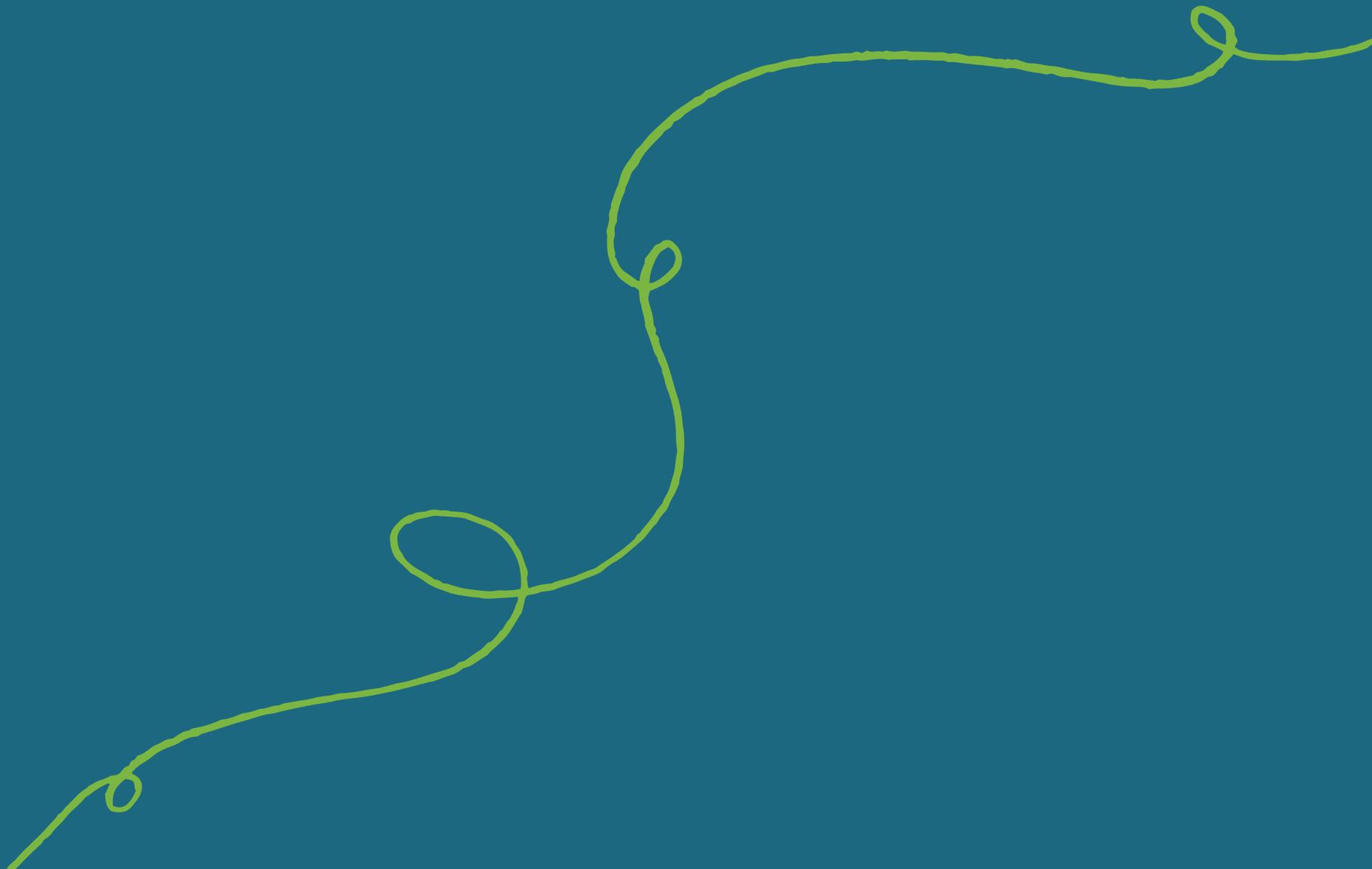




Annual Report 2020-2021



ACGC
ALBERTA COUNCIL FOR
GLOBAL COOPERATION





Our vision

We work to ensure all people can fulfill their **potential** and **prosper**, become engaged citizens in **peaceful, just**, and **inclusive societies**, and thrive in a **healthy, sustainable world**.

A Year Like No Other



It has been an absolute honour serving on the board for the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation. As I reflect on the past five years, I am amazed at the tremendous change and growth the council has experienced. During this time ACGC launched the Together Symposium, a space for meaningful dialogue on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and our collective roles in reaching them by 2030. We launched the Spur Change program, an initiative funded by Global Affairs Canada which aims to increase the effectiveness of Canadian small and medium organizations in our sector. Both initiatives will make a lasting impact on many Albertan civil society organizations and the lives of people globally. One of the proudest moments during my tenure was watching Leah Ettarh take the lead as Executive Director. Leah has done a remarkable job of serving the organization, leading with enthusiasm and dedication, while successfully pivoting ACGC's programs to ensure the organization continued to serve its members during the Covid-19 pandemic.

To my fellow board members, thank you for your service. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know and work alongside each of you. We need to continue working together to keep our sector in Alberta strong, mobilizing Albertans to become global citizens engaged in sustainable development. While there are many uncertainties ahead of us, I am confident that with our collective knowledge, commitment and compassion we can continue to build a pathway for a more sustainable, and just future for all.

With gratitude,



Danielle Gibbie, Chair, Board of Directors



It's been a trying year for the world, for organizations, and individuals, who have endured significant challenges arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. At the same time, it has been a year that demonstrates the importance of partnership, and pulling together in times of great need.

I am extremely proud of our team at ACGC who have displayed significant creativity, flexibility, and resiliency through the continual challenges, and thankful for the support of the various federal government partners that allowed us to revise and respond to emergent needs faced by the international cooperation sector in Alberta, and the youth and educators we support in our programming.

I am also very grateful for the continued support of our volunteer Board of Directors, who dedicate their time and expertise to lead our coalition. Despite the significant challenges within their own lives and organizations this past year, they continually make

themselves available to support our organization navigate the ever-evolving crises. Their service and commitment is commended.

Our own communities and those across the globe are facing significant intersecting challenges exacerbated by the ongoing health and climate crises. Now more than ever, we must continue to work together in partnership, relying on each others' strengths and expertise, to advocate and act as global citizens in order to address these crises for all humanity.

In solidarity,

Leah Ettarh, Executive Director

Our Impact

Alberta Programming

88

ORGANIZATIONS IMPACTED

1454

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

486

EDUCATORS SUPPORTED

171

YOUTH ENGAGED

782,143

REACHED ONLINE

238

970

31

206

244,605

Spur Change Programming

Our Programs



In addition to supporting knowledge sharing and advocacy amongst our members, ACGC operated three distinct programs to help us achieve our organizational vision and mission.

Through the **Inspiring Action for Global Citizenship** program, funded by Global Affairs Canada, we work to enhance the contribution of Albertans to Canada's international development efforts towards gender equality and the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals across the globe. **The Alberta Sustainable Development Goals Hub**, funded by Employment and Social Development Canada, supported youth in civic engagement and service towards addressing the Sustainable Development Goals

in Alberta. The ImpACT internships program through Colleges and Institutes Canada helped us launch a new **Alberta Giving** campaign for member organizations.

As a member of the Inter-Council Network of Provincial and Regional Councils, ACGC is honoured to be the host council of the **Spur Change Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Building for Small and Medium Organizations (SMOs)** program, funded by Global Affairs Canada. A national, bilingual program, Spur Change works to enhance the contribution of Canadian SMOs to Canada's international development efforts, while also supporting SMOs to engage educators and youth in these efforts.

Engaging the Public on Global Issues

With restrictions to in-person gatherings, we worked to find creative ways to engage the public through online events and digital campaigns. We doubled our efforts in our Together storytelling campaign, producing nine stories and a documentary highlighting the responses of Alberta organizations and their partners to Covid-19. In the winter season, we launched a new Alberta Giving campaign, to

encourage the Alberta public to donate to member organizations. We also hosted numerous online events during International Development Week, including a sold-out comedy show to raise awareness of gender equality. With a focus on digital engagement, online engagement during International Development Week increased 65% over the previous year.

Sihle-Sizwe Vineyard Foundation Supports Youth during Covid-19 Lockdowns

Watch a clip of Sihle-Sizwe's gumboot dancing lessons. View all the stories at www.together.acgc.ca/the-stories



Promoting Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing

The Covid-19 crises heightened the need for ACGC to provide formal and informal spaces for learning, capacity building, and knowledge exchange in Alberta. We continued our support for the Together | Ensemble 2020 National Conference on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, while also adapting and hosting our annual ACGC conference online. We prioritized timely information sharing regarding changes to government policies, and worked to ensure Albertans had the opportunity to have their voices heard at online national and international forums, and with Members of Parliament.

Through the Spur Change program, we created an online learning resource library, and launched an innovative, bilingual online course on results-based management tailored to the needs of small and medium organizations. To mitigate health risks, all workshops and the annual SMO conference were hosted online, providing an increased opportunity to engage and exchange with international partners which otherwise would not have been possible.

Spur Change Results Based Management Course

Learn more about the RBM course by [watching the video](#). Visit www.spurchangeresource.ca/en/training/rbm101 to take the course



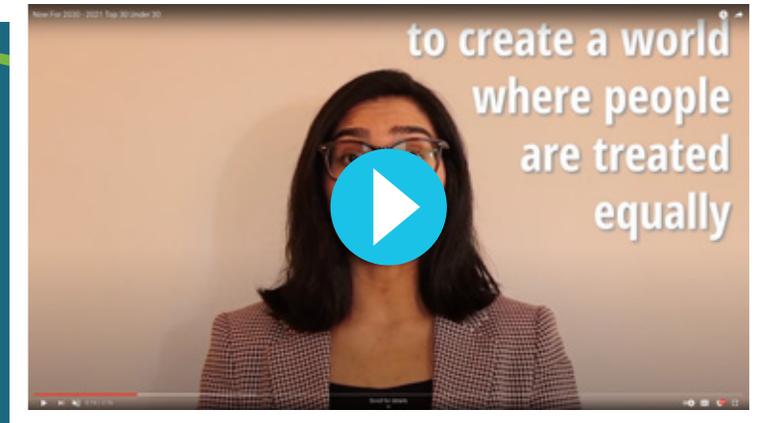
Engaging Youth in Meaningful Learning Opportunities

Adapting our programming to ensure youth continued to have opportunities to learn, share, and act on global issues was a priority of our team. Despite the challenges, youth in our programs showed tremendous resiliency as global citizens, with our SDG Hub youth volunteering over 800 hours in service. We also marked the 10 year anniversary of our Top 30 Under 30 award, holding a celebration online with guests from around the world.

As part of the Spur Change Youth Champions program, we engaged 15 youth from Canada, Nicaragua, Haiti, Zambia, Benin, and Canada in peer-to-peer learning exchanges with small and medium organizations. This cohort of youth directly engaged over 190 of their peers in activities promoting the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We are thankful to all those who worked alongside all youth throughout the year, sharing their knowledge and acting as mentors as we work together to equip the next generation of leaders in our sector.

10th Annual Top 30 Under 30

It's time to act #NowFor2030. See what the 2021 #ACGCTop30 are doing to #GoForTheGoals. Visit www.acgc.ca/get-involved/youth-opportunities



Supporting Global Citizenship Education

We continued to support global citizenship education initiatives and respond to professional development needs of educators who face significant disruption to teaching and learning in the Covid-19 crises. In Alberta, we provided packages of materials to schools across Alberta, hosted online workshops, and created a community of practice where educators could come together in a supportive environment to share their expertise.

Through the Spur Change program, we supported teachers to participate in our online national conference where they participated in tailored workshops and exchanges with Canadian small and medium organizations, equipping them with tools and resources to engage students as global citizenship in their classrooms.

The Future of Global Citizenship Education Post Covid

[Watch the national webinar.](#)



Nativating Sector Change

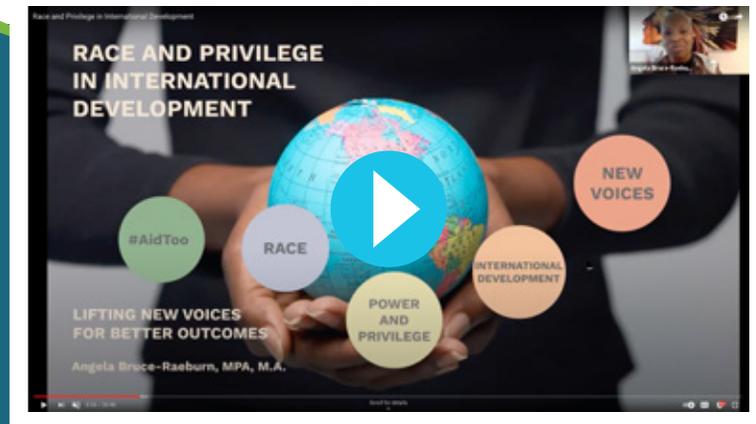
As we navigate tremendous change, ACGC has worked to provide a platform for thoughtful and open exchange and learning within Alberta and across Canada. As an active member of the Inter-Council Network for Provincial and Regional Councils and Cooperation Canada, ACGC further provides opportunities for Albertans to engage, advocate, and raise awareness of issues on a national scale.

Responding to the cuts to the Alberta Government's International Development Program, ACGC conducted research to understand

the history and impact of this fund, circulating the findings amongst our members and key government stakeholders. We heeded calls for equity and racial justice by providing opportunities for reflection and action, while also participating in the development of the new Anti-Racism Framework for Canada's International Cooperation Sector. Through the Spur Change program, we partnered with the University of Guelph in research to understand the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on SMO adaptation and resilience. As these initiatives demonstrate, we are committed to working collaboratively and systemically to drive change for a more equitable world.

Race and Privilege in International Development ACGC Annual Conference 2020

[Listen to the powerful keynote](#) by Angela Bruce-Raeburn, focusing on issues of systemic racism within the international development sector.





Our Finances:

2020-2021

Our Funders

ACGC is appreciative of the support of the following partners which made our work possible during the year:

Global Affairs Canada

**Employment and
Social Development Canada**

Colleges and Institutes Canada

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT MARCH 31, 2021

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 482,140	\$ 477,830
Accounts receivable	12,154	15,102
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,393	893
	495,687	493,825
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 3)		
	2,945	1,924
	\$ 498,632	\$ 495,749
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 29,581	\$ 25,311
Deferred contributions (Note 6)	389,399	447,271
	418,980	472,582
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	2,945	1,924
Unrestricted	30,042	21,243
Internally restricted (Note 8)	46,665	-
	79,652	23,167
	\$ 498,632	\$ 495,749

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021

	2021	%	2020	%
			(Restated - Note)	
REVENUE				
GAC grant: Spur Change [Note 9]	\$ 635,412	58.1	\$ 570,095	49.6
GAC grant: Inspiring Action	393,116	36.0	407,476	35.3
Alberta SDG Hub	40,193	3.7	88,546	7.7
ESDC grant: SDG Mapping	-	-	48,469	4.2
CIP Provincial Funding: SDG Mapping	-	-	19,038	1.7
United Nations Green Space	-	-	5,325	0.5
Other income	191	-	4,533	0.4
Membership	7,541	0.7	3,345	0.3
Speakers Bureau Project	-	-	1,781	0.2
Workshop	2,005	0.2	1,698	0.1
Interest income	37	-	5	-
Colleges and Institutes Canada	6,120	0.6	-	-
Canada summer jobs	8,871	0.8	-	-
	1,093,486	100.1	1,150,311	100.0
EXPENSES				
Administration	54,176	5.0	84,563	7.4
Amortization	1,847	0.2	730	0.06
Communications and publications	51,137	4.7	73,598	6.4
Events	49,598	4.5	135,975	11.8
Salaries and benefits [Note 10]	718,895	65.7	606,214	52.7
Subcontractors	160,088	14.6	61,909	5.4
Travel	1,260	0.1	174,592	15.2
	1,037,001	94.8	1,137,581	99.0
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 56,485	5.3	\$ 12,730	1.0

Our Network

Our Members 2020-2021



Alberta Teachers' Association

Bow Valley College - International Education

Bridges of Hope

Business and Professional Women Alberta

Calgary Board of Education

Canadian Humanitarian

Canadian Peacemakers International

Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan

CAUSE Canada

CAWST

Change for Children Association

Covenant International

Edmonton Public School Board

Embrace International Foundation

Engineers Without Borders - Calgary City Chapter

Humanity Auxilium

Institute for Cross-Cultural Exchange

Junior Global Citizen Club

Keiskamma Canada Foundation

Mahatma Gandhi Canadian Foundation for World Peace

Marda Loop Justice Film Festival

Mennonite Central Committee Alberta

Micah Center - The King's University

Nafasi Opportunity Society

Nile Care Advocacy for Peace and Development

Norquest International

One Child's Village

One! International Poverty Relief

Operation Eyesight Universal

Rainbow of Hope for Children

Somali-Canadian Education and Rural Development Organization

SihleSizwe Vineyard Foundation

Sinkunia Community Development Organization

Sombrilla International Development Society

Teach Peace Development

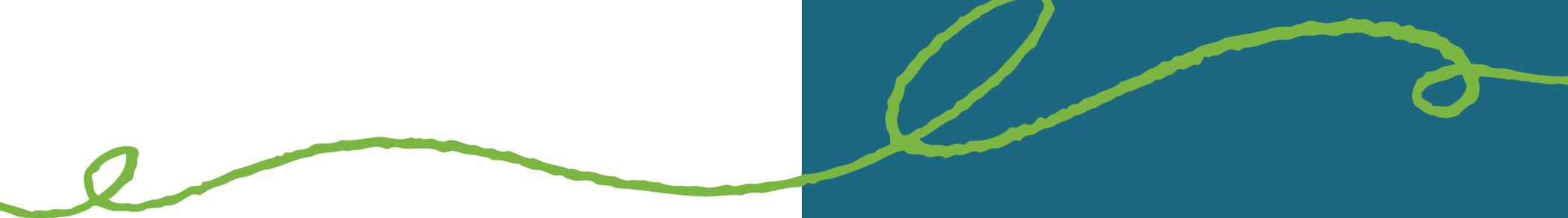
Trebi Kuma Ollenu Foundation for Community Development

United Nations Association in Canada - Calgary

United Nations Association in Canada - Edmonton

University of Alberta International - Global Education

University of Calgary International



Our Leadership

CHAIR

Danielle Gibbie – *Operation Eyesight Universal*

VICE-CHAIR

Felipe Civita Ferreira – *Norquest College*

TREASURER

Lorraine Swift – *Change for Children Association*

SECRETARY

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MEMBER AT LARGE

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Danielle Skogen – *Canadian Humanitarian*

Flora Trebi Ollennu – *Trebi Kuma Ollennu
Foundation for Community Development*

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Katrin Hoffman – *Sombrilla International Development Society*

Murwarid Ziayee – *Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan*

Nina Delling – *United Nations Association of Canada, Edmonton Branch*

Leah Ettarh – *ACGC Executive Director*

Our Partners

ACGC is a member of Cooperation Canada and the Inter-Council Network for Provincial and Regional Councils [ICN]. ACGC operates the Spur Change program on behalf of the ICN in partnership with the Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation. ACGC also collaborates with the Fund for Innovation and Transformation [FIT], operated by the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation on behalf of the ICN, promoting knowledge sharing within Alberta.



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