



ACGC

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 representing 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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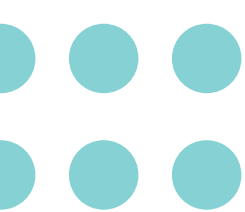
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Letter from the Executive Director and Chair



The past year has been a time of great opportunity at the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation. We are delighted to share the exciting successes and changes that have taken place within ACGC, as well as within the international development and global citizenship communities in Alberta, in Canada, and around the world.

At the national level, a key opportunity took place from May 18 to July 31, 2016, when the Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, launched the International Assistance Review and consultation process. It was the first opportunity in over a decade for civil society to voice its opinions on what Canada's role in the world should look like. ACGC engaged in extensive consultations with our membership as part of the International Assistance Review process. We held in-person consultations in both Edmonton and Calgary with opportunities for remote participation, had an online survey for our members, and participated in two high-level consultations hosted by Global Affairs Canada (GAC), including partnering with GAC on their high-level consultation in Calgary focusing on the topic of responding to humanitarian assistance and the needs of displaced persons.



LEFT:
Anne Fanning, Chair, ACGC
Board of Directors



RIGHT:
Heather McPherson, ACGC
Executive Director

Using the feedback gathered from our members, ACGC contributed to the International Assistance Review in three ways: by writing an ACGC submission summarizing the recommendations from our members, and by contributing to submissions from the Inter-Council Network and the Canadian Council for International Cooperation.

Also at the national level, the Inter-Council Network commissioned a research paper on the value, roles, and contributions of small and medium-sized Canadian civil society organizations in the development context. The report surveyed the impact of current and past funding structures and political climate on the ability of

small and medium-sized organizations (SMOs) to conduct their work.

We now have significant research that points to the crucial role SMOs play in international development and public engagement across Canada. Specialized, well-connected, and flexible, SMOs directly reach and engage with Canadians. They operate in our cities and communities, and their impact stretches beyond our borders to reach the most vulnerable in our world.

After sharing our research extensively across the country, and particularly at the federal level, Minister Bibeau announced funding of \$100 million over five years for SMOs. We are delighted with this news and are extremely excited

“Ours can be the first generation to end poverty – and the last generation to address climate change before it is too late.” - Ban Ki Moon

to see the impact this new source of funding will have on SMOs in Alberta and across the country.

Funding opportunities in Alberta have seen similar improvements over the past year. International Development Grants through the Community Initiatives Program (CIP), which have provided assistance in meeting local needs in developing nations through the support of sustainable community development projects since 1974, have seen improvements made to the program guidelines, application form, and final reporting forms as well as a significant increase in the amount of funds available. ACGC submitted a briefing note in 2015 making several of the recommendations we see in the revised format, and feel that our recommendations were heard at the provincial government level. There is no doubt that these changes have been felt abroad. In many of the small organizations we represent, we have seen significant increases to the effectiveness of projects as a result of increased CIP funding.

Closer to home, ACGC used the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a lens through which our programming engaged Albertans and increased capacity within our sector. Some of the ways ACGC was able to promote the Sustainable Development Goals in the past year included public engagement opportunities for Albertans, an SDG

focus in our annual Top 30 Under 30 Magazine, workshops, lecture series, and a section on the ACGC website devoted to the SDGs and ways to work towards the achievement of Agenda 2030. This year ACGC had a very strong focus on developing even better, more robust relationships with our members, our partners, and our sector. ACGC undertook a number of innovative initiatives to prioritize partnership and collaboration including consultations, new partnerships, training opportunities, and facilitating networking events.

Finally, a key focus of ACGC's work this year focused on engaging youth as global citizens. ACGC was able to reach whole new populations of youth directly, or via training for teachers and youth leaders.

Within the Council, we continue to be extraordinarily fortunate in the commitment and calibre of ACGC staff and board. The past year presented some unexpected staffing challenges; despite obstacles, however, ACGC staff members were able to manage and excel. New staff members have been brought on and are highly skilled with extensive experience working within their areas of expertise, including design and communications, education, and government relations and advocacy.

The Board of Directors for ACGC is an example of what a well-managed board

of directors with a strong Chair can accomplish. Whether managing human resources during times of crisis or reviewing strategic planning and policy needs, the ACGC board has been exemplary this year, meeting regularly and consistently providing insight and support to ACGC staff.

Overall, the 2016-2017 year was filled with increasing opportunities, increased impact, and the feeling that there is hope in the air for a renewed commitment to international solidarity and global citizenship efforts locally, nationally, and globally. We are thrilled by what we have been able to accomplish together this year and we look forward to what we will be able to do together in the coming year. Thank you to everyone for the support and commitment to ensuring our work is people-centred, democratic, just, inclusive, and respectful of the environment and Indigenous cultures. As always, we work towards ending poverty and achieving a peaceful and healthy world, with dignity and full participation for all, and we are honoured to be able to work towards that goal with our members and partners.

Sincerely,
Anne and Heather

Building Sector Capacity

Annual General Meeting and Conference

With one year completed under the mandate of the Sustainable Development Goals, ACGC's 2016 Annual Conference "A World of Opportunity: Are You Ready?" was held in Edmonton on September 16-17, and aimed to encourage participants to implement the SDGs in their own work. The sessions engaged representatives from the public sector, government, and civil society, and began to explore how we implement and measure the Sustainable Development Goals.

The conference was opened with a keynote address by Dr. Alaa Murabit, a UN Sustainable Development Goals Global Advocate. Speaking to a sold-out crowd of 296 people at the University of Alberta, she led a highly engaging session which emphasized the critical role that women and girls play in achieving the SDGs. Earlier in the day, Dr. Murabit was interviewed on CBC Radio, spoke to medical students at the University of Alberta, and presented to over 250 Grade 9 students from John D.

Bracco and Don Massey Junior High Schools. Newcomer students at John D. Bracco presented poems to Dr. Murabit and presented her with a book they wrote about their community of Clareview, Edmonton, and were pleased to take photos and meet with such an inspirational young woman.

The working day of the conference was attended by 51 representatives from ACGC organizations. The first panel titled "Leaving No One Behind: Ensuring Gender Equality and Empowering all Women and Girls" provided members with the conceptual framework related to gender equality while also taking a look at the new policies at the provincial and federal levels regarding women's rights. The

panel included Kim Armstrong, the Deputy Minister, Alberta Status of Women; Wendy Fehr, the new Executive Director at Cause Canada; Harneet Chahal, Former ACGC Top 30 Under 30; and Adriana Benjumea, Executive Director at Humanas Colombia, who joined the session by Skype from Colombia. The second panel discussed the critical topic "Environmental Protection and Climate Change: A Pillar of Sustainable Development" and included Bronwen Tucker of the Canadian Youth Delegation at COP 21; Crystal Lameman, Treaty Coordinator and Communications Manager at Beaver Lake Cree Nation; Randolph Haluza-Delay, Associate Professor of Sociology at The King's University; and Shaye Anderson, MLA for Leduc-Beaumont. The



Members attend ACGC's Annual Conference in Edmonton



TOP: Dr. Alaa Murabit, UN Sustainable Development Goals Advocate, addresses the crowd at ACGC's Annual Conference

day ended with the workshop "Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" which explored ways to implement and monitor the SDGs. Delegates were pleased to hear new perspectives from Mr. Rob Malli with the Edmonton International Airport and Mr. Julio Espinoza with Oxfam America. The conference had clear positive outcomes, with 93% of attendee evaluation surveys stating that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the conference.

Networking

Providing a platform for members to convene, share ideas, and connect is a core function of ACGC. Development Drinks continues to be a popular way for members to convene in a relaxed setting, and to network and share ideas. Over the course of the year, ACGC hosted five Development Drinks events, with three in Edmonton and two in Calgary. ACGC was pleased to host one of these sessions in partnership with Engineers Without Borders during their national conference in Edmonton in January 2017. Strong attendance at these events serves as a reminder that in-person networking and engagement remains a priority in the sector.



ACGC's 2016 Annual Conference design

Engaging Government



International Assistance Review Consultation

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ACGC members meet with the Minister of International Development, Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau in Calgary

government heard that Canadians want to meet the 0.7% of GNI target towards international assistance, support small and medium sized organizations with appropriate levels of funding and without onerous administrative burden for all parties, and take a leadership role on the Sustainable Development Goals.

ACGC was pleased to receive a request from the Minister's office for a meeting of sector representatives to take place in Calgary on January 24, 2017. 37 representatives from ACGC member organizations, the Government of Alberta, and the

private sector convened at the Mennonite Central Committee offices in Calgary, where those present had the opportunity to hear the results of the consultation process and ask questions about the new International Assistance Policy. Minister Bibeau summarized the three major themes emerging from the consultation, calling for an increased focus on ensuring human dignity, empowering women, and building sector capacity. ACGC is anticipating the release of a new International Assistance Policy and looks forward to the opportunities this will provide to our member organizations and their partners to reduce poverty worldwide.

Registered Charities' Political Activities Consultations

On September 27, 2016, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) launched a national consultation on the rules governing "political activities" by charitable organizations, inviting charities and the public to provide feedback and comments in order to clarify these rules. ACGC members were keen to participate through directly answering online surveys, as well as a survey from ACGC which fed into joint submissions through the Inter-Council Network (ICN) and the

RIGHT:
ACGC Staff and Members meet the Honourable Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, MP

Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC). A Report of the Consultation Panel on the Political activities of charities was released on March 31, 2017, with four key administrative and legislative changes needed to provide charities with the clarity necessary to engage in public policy dialogue and development. ACGC continues to follow the development of these changes, and will update members as changes occur.

Engaging with the Provincial Government

ACGC continues to work with the Provincial Government to further Alberta's support for international development. A positive development this year was the announcement by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism agreeing to increase the amount of money available under

the Community Initiatives Program - International. As this department rolls out changes to the CIP program, ACGC works to provide this information in a timely manner to members.

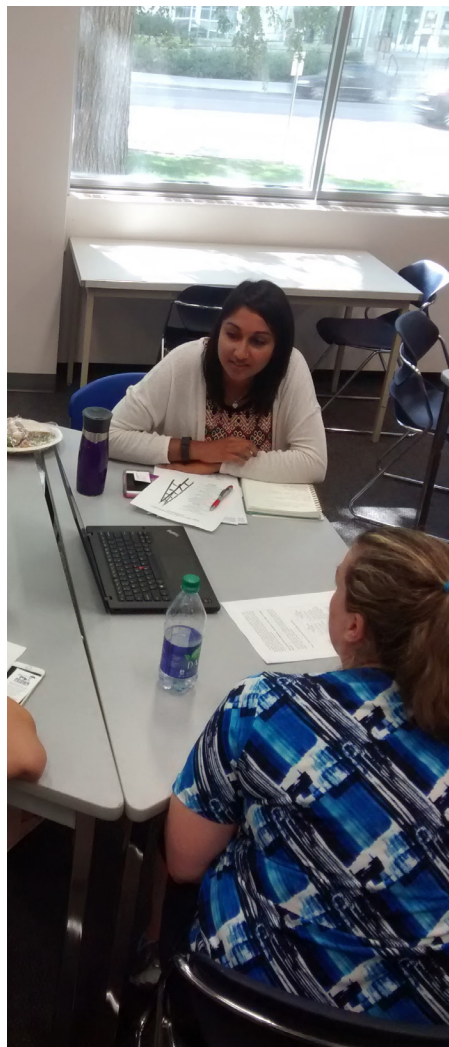
ACGC has also begun to work closely with the Alberta International Development Office (AIDO), and has begun conversations to further Alberta's implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. ACGC has joined AIDO, along with private sector partners, on an advisory council that plans to host an international symposium on the SDGs in Calgary in the fall. We look forward to the development of this joint initiative and see it as an opportunity for various stakeholders in Alberta to work together and drive the implementation of the SDGs in our province.



Public Engagement

ACGC held 30 separate public engagement events, with 3351 direct participants from events. 14 events were for youth with 1255 youth in attendance.

89% of participants, or 2995 people, were new participants in Council activities.



Directly engaging the public, especially youth and educators, remains a priority for ACGC. In addition to numerous school presentations, ACGC plays an important role in the facilitation of various youth conferences. Highlights this year include leading a large group simulation at the Calgary Board of Education's International Youth Leadership Summit, organizing I-Week Youth Day, as well as working with Rotary 5370 to lead a half-day of debrief for international students participating in their one-year-long student exchange program. As ACGC completed new workshops, materials were compiled and published, and are now available free to download from ACGC's website.

ACGC has also been responding to increased demand to speak in public fora on international development. Throughout the year, ACGC accepted eight opportunities to be a guest speaker, providing ACGC

an opportunity to share important messages about the Sustainable Development Goals to new audiences.

A continued focus for ACGC includes the promotion of global citizenship education in the province, and working with teachers to improve their practice in this area. This year, ACGC developed a new partnership with the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium (ERLC) to offer our second Global Citizenship Summer Institute. This two-day institute was held at the University of Alberta and taught by Dr. Lynette Shultz, the Director for the Center for Global Citizenship Education

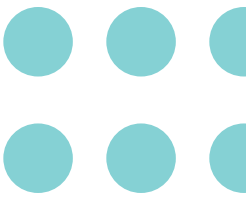
LEFT: Teachers at the Global Citizenship Summer Institute

and Research. The 14 participants included academics, teachers, and representatives from civil society organizations. Though ERLC, we also offered a Global Citizenship Webinar Series throughout the school year. ACGC was also present at teachers' conventions in Calgary and Edmonton, with an exhibitor booth, as well as presenting three workshops alongside ACGC Board Member, Bill Howe. We were pleased to offer a draw for books that were kindly donated by ACGC members, including the John Humphrey Center for Peace and Human Rights, Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, and the Junior Global Citizens Club. The draw attracted

many teachers to sign up for more information and to hear what our member organizations do around the world. We continue to find value in attending teachers' conventions and are always looking for new ways to make our display attractive to the audience.

Throughout the year, Alberta Education has been in the process of consulting the public and relevant stakeholders on the redesign of the K-12 curriculum. ACGC has been following this process closely, and has mobilized member organizations to provide input at the various survey and validation stages. In January 2017, ACGC was invited

to present on global citizenship education to the four of the curriculum expert working groups. We are confident Alberta will remain a leader in global citizenship education, and will continue advocating on these matters as the curriculum is finalized.



ACGC exhibits member information at Peace Day celebrations at Edmonton City Hall



International Development Week



LEFT:
Top 30s at the Top 30 Under 30 Magazine Launch with Calgary Mayor, Naheed Nenshi

Every year, one of the most exciting aspects of ACGC programming is promoting and hosting activities for International Development Week (IDW). With support from Global Affairs Canada, ACGC is proud to present a summary of impacts, activities, and events for the 27th annual International Development Week which ran from February 5 to 11, 2017.

International Development Week 2017 was successful on many levels. ACGC hosted or presented at 27 IDW events including hosting our Top 30 Under 30 Magazine Launch at Bow Valley College in Calgary; facilitating I-Week Youth Day and the Transitioning to Sustainable Livelihoods pilot project with

EQWIP HUBs, both at the University of Alberta; and, hosting two Development Drinks events, bringing together a wide spectrum of Albertans eager to be engaged in international development and global citizenship efforts.

17 ACGC member organizations were involved in different events and initiatives during IDW. ACGC had direct interaction with over 15,521 people (as of March 1, 2017) including the 266 people who came out to our events, the 1948 people who have so far read the Top 30 Under 30 Magazine online, the 2,500 people who have received print copies of the magazine, and 10,587 social media engagements. Through a highly successful traditional and social

media outreach campaign, ACGC was able to indirectly reach over 40,200 people on Twitter, or an average of 1,400 impressions per day. There has been coverage from three established news media organizations, three University media outlets and one voluntary sector news outlet.

Top 30 Under 30 Magazine

The Top 30 Under 30 Magazine is the cornerstone of ACGC's IDW activities. The magazine is an outstanding tool to engage the public in international development success stories, and demonstrates support for young people doing great work in their communities and internationally. This year's 6th annual rendition of the magazine featured 30 amazing young people making a difference in Alberta and the world. 30 profiles were created with photos, a statistics section with their age, hometown, and organizational involvement, and a question and answer profile highlighting aspects of each young person's work and passion for international development and global cooperation. We were honoured to include letters of congratulations in the magazine from Premier Rachel Notley and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau congratulating the Top 30s.

Magazine Launch

The Magazine Launch at Bow Valley College in Calgary was a great success. It was widely attended, with approximately 110 people in the audience including five dignitaries with political representation from every level including Naheed Nenshi, Mayor of Calgary; Ariel Delouya, Director General, Engaging Canadians Bureau, Global Affairs Canada; Dr. Jens Liebe, Senior Programme Expert, UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre; Michael Connolly, MLA for Calgary-Hawkwood; and, Deepak Obhrai, MP for Calgary Forest Lawn. We were also honoured to have two Top 30 Under 30s from 2017, John Skene and Noelle Jaipaul, as well as 2016 Top 30 Fartoon Siad, speak on their experiences as young leaders in international and community development.



Top 30 Under 30 Recipient, John Skene, shares a message with the crowd



Youth Participants from I-Week Youth Day

ACGC Communications

Overall, over 54,360 Albertans were directly reached or follow ACGC through 12 different communication methods, including e-bulletins, published newsletters, media releases, the ACGC website, and various social media channels.

Throughout the year, ACGC's Communication Strategy has been guiding the goals, objectives, and practices around the way we communicate with members and other

stakeholders. To successfully carry out this strategy, however, it was necessary for the Council to make some changes to the platforms and technology used. Throughout the year, ACGC added new social media channels, launched a new website, changed email providers, and changed mail management systems, all with the goal of communicating more effectively.

ACGC Website

Following the launch of a new logo in March 2016, ACGC set its sights on a new website that would better serve our members and the public, and allow the organization to share information more seamlessly across platforms. Of most concern was the fact that ACGC's previous website was not mobile compatible, and with a steady increase of site traffic coming from mobile devices, it was necessary to make this change.

Taking inspiration from the new logo, ACGC staff worked with designers and web developers to map out the new design, layout and content of the website. This opportunity allowed ACGC to better align our web presence with our Strategic Plan, and display our most relevant content front and centre. A few new features were added to the website that had been missing previously, including a Youth Opportunities section, a page on the Sustainable Development Goals, and a blog where ACGC and its members can share in-depth stories and informative content.

The new website was launched during International Development Week, and has seen a 7% increase in unique visitors over the previous year.



Website Concepts

ACGC Publications

ACGC maintains three electronic publications tailored to specific audiences. In the 2016-2017 year, subscribers to our three publications increased by 16%.

ACGC E-Bulletin: The E-Bulletin continues to be an important communication tool to disseminate information from our members to the public. Sign-ups to ACGC's E-Bulletin increased from 959 to 1070 recipients this year, a growth of 12%. A link from ACGC's Facebook page to a sign-up page on our website was added to increase subscribers.

ACGC Connect: ACGC released a total of three Connect newsletters to members this year, each followed by a member update webinar. The final issue of Connect for the year was launched with a new design, following the style of the updated website. The newsletters can be found on a dedicated page on the new website.

ACGC Teach: ACGC Teach is an electronic bulletin released five times per school year. During the past year, a Member Profile section has been added to Teach, and prompts readers with tips on how to engage with the highlighted member through a Learn-Share-Act model. In the 2016-2017 year, ACGC Teach reached 741 subscribers.



Relaunch of ACGC Connect Newsletter

Internal Communication

ACGC's work continues to take staff from our office in Edmonton to other parts of Alberta, Canada and the world. One major constraint for staff has been the ability to access work files from outside of the office. Through the support of a computer science summer student, ACGC was able to move to Google for Nonprofits, which is free for Canadian nonprofits and charities. This system not only helped staff with file management and remote access, but also has increased efficiency, professionalism, and workflow by allowing staff to collaborate on files, access email across multiple devices, and share calendars. This system has also made it easier to share relevant documents with the ACGC board. We continue to explore the various advantages of Google systems and look forward to sharing our learning with members.

Social Media

While Facebook and Twitter remain the two most active social media channels at the Council, it was recognized that in order to reach new audiences, the Council's social media presence had to expand. In order to reach more youth and better share photos, ACGC launched an Instagram account (acgc_now). ACGC also launched its presence on LinkedIn, a networking site for business professionals. This channel has allowed us to contribute to discussions on the SDGs with various private sector partners in Alberta, conversations that would not have happened if we had not utilized this platform. Overall, social media following increased by 35%.



Partnership



The Inter-Council Network (ICN) is a coalition of eight provincial and regional Councils for International Cooperation. The councils which make up the ICN include:

British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC)

Northern Council for Global Cooperation (NCGC)

Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC)

Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC)

Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC)

Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC)

L'Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale (AQOCI)

Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC)

The ICN is currently managed by the British Columbia Council for International Cooperation as part of the Connecting with Canadians Global Citizenship Program.

ICN Work

- For the consultations for the International Assistance Review, the ICN submitted a report outlining its position, common themes and recommendations of the various Councils, on the six pillars identified by Global Affairs Canada. Member organizations provided feedback and reviewed the final submission. The report recommended that the Government support small and medium-sized organizations.
- The ICN and Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC) conducted a joint survey on the CRA consultation on the political activities of charities. This served as the basis of a submission, with recommendations, to the CRA.
- The ICN had five face-to-face meetings, including a February 2017 meeting with Minister Bibeau, as well as Parliamentary Secretary Celina Caesar Chavannes. The ICN also held several bilingual teleconferences.
- In May 2016, two representatives from the ICN and two representatives from member SMOs delivered a one-hour presentation at the CCIC Leadership Forum, on the study commissioned by the ICN : "Small and Medium-Sized Canadian Civil Society Organizations as Development Actors : A Review of Evidence."

- In August 2016, the ICN held two workshops at the World Social Forum in Montreal. These were:
 - "Canada the World and Agenda 2030: A North-South Civil Society Consultation," and
 - "The Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Context of the Sustainable Development Goals."
- These were facilitated by Eliza Knockwood and two Indigenous youth from the Yukon participating in an ICN Learning Exchange.
- The ICN facilitated five webinars (three bilingual, one in French and one in English), on Small and Medium-Sized Organizations; Canada Revenue Agency's Regulations and the Political Activities of Charities; among others.

- The ICN and CCIC held two face-to-face meetings in 2016 – 2017, and have started regular monthly information-sharing phone calls, highlighting possibilities for collaboration.

RIGHT:

Valentine's Day was spent in Ottawa with Global Affairs Canada staff





Partnership



from **Start Up** to **Sustainability**



ACGC has worked with EQWIP HUBs to develop an online public engagement tool designed to simulate the experiences of young entrepreneurs living in lower and middle income countries, and specifically in Ghana. The simulation, called EQWIP'd, is based on real-world case studies and extensive research gathered from EQWIP HUBs staff, participants, and volunteers in Ghana. The purpose of the simulation is to provide Canadians, especially

youth, with a unique opportunity to strengthen their understanding of youth entrepreneurship and social enterprise in the context of sustainable development. The simulation will be launched in the fall of 2017 and primarily will be in conjunction with volunteer public engagement activities as well as recruitment scenarios.

EQWIP HUBs

Powered by Canada World Youth (CWY) and Youth Challenge International (YCI), EQWIP HUBs is a network of 17 youth innovation spaces where youth—especially women—come together to develop market-relevant skills, build networks, learn from mentors, and access technology. Located in Bolivia, Ghana, Indonesia, Peru, Senegal and Tanzania, each EQWIP HUB shares the goal of creating a sustainable space where the passions and determination of local youth can thrive, ultimately supporting them to access employment or entrepreneurship and take control of their own futures. As a strategic partner, ACGC manages the EQWIP HUBs public engagement component,

supporting youth volunteers as they reflect on their experiences and share their intercultural understandings with the Canadian public. Each EQWIP HUBs volunteer is required to do a formal public engagement activity upon their return to Canada. These activities typically take the form of blogs and public presentations. Volunteers collect feedback from those in attendance to support EQWIP HUBs monitoring and evaluation.



LEFT:
Eqwip'd Ghana

ABOVE AND BELOW:
Scenes from Lamisi's story
by illustrator Christy Lundy



BELOW:
Scenes from Lamisi's story
by illustrator Christy Lundy



Auditor's Report and Financial Statement

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, 2017, 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, 2017, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

SVS Group LLP Chartered Accountants

Edmonton, Alberta
September 11, 2017

Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2017

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 17,340	\$ -
Accounts receivable	22,544	49,018
Prepaid expenses and deposits	326	326
	<u>\$ 40,210</u>	<u>\$ 49,344</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Bank indebtedness	\$ -	\$ 13,307
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4,531	12,684
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	9,784	-
	<u>14,315</u>	<u>25,991</u>
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 25,895</u>	<u>23,353</u>
	<u>\$ 40,210</u>	<u>\$ 49,344</u>

Statement of Operations in Net Assets for the year ended March 31, 2017

	2017	%	2016	%
REVENUE				
GAC grants	\$ 304,664	76.9	\$ 393,560	91.4
EQWIP	59,008	14.9	4,097	1.0
Membership	8,952	2.3	10,965	2.4
Other income	7,955	2.0	9,480	2.2
Canada summer jobs	7,560	1.9	-	-
Annual conference	5,155	1.3	3,308	0.8
Workshop	2,825	0.7	8,950	2.2
	<u>396,119</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>430,360</u>	<u>100.0</u>
EXPENSES				
ACGC capacity building	21,583	5.4	26,464	6.1
Administration	35,174	8.9	45,433	10.6
Communications and publications	11,331	2.9	3,667	0.9
EQWIP project	59,008	14.9	4,097	1.0
ICN public engagement and capacity building	9,433	2.4	11,337	2.6
International Development Week	27,047	6.8	27,874	6.5
Public engagement project	942	0.2	23,711	5.5
Salaries and benefits	224,357	56.6	266,078	61.8
Sector collaboration	4,438	1.1	3,046	0.7
Teacher training	264	0.1	505	0.1
	<u>393,577</u>	<u>99.3</u>	<u>412,212</u>	<u>95.8</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>2,542</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>18,148</u>	<u>4.2</u>
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>23,353</u>		<u>5,205</u>	
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 25,895</u>		<u>\$ 23,353</u>	



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	<p>Canadian Centre for Ethnomusicology University of Alberta www.music.museums.ualberta.ca/ CanadianCentreForEthnomusicology.aspx</p>		<p>Edmonton Public School Board www.epsb.ca</p>		<p>Micah Centre, The King's University www.micahcentre.ca</p>		<p>Somali-Canadian Education & Rural Development Organization (SCERDO) www.scerdo.org</p>
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	<p>Canadian Moravian Mission Society www.moravian.ca</p>		<p>Four Worlds Centre for Development Learning www.fourworlds.ca</p>		<p>One Child's Village www.onechildsvillage.org</p>		<p>Trebi Kuma Ollennu Foundation for Community Development (TKOFCD) www.tkofcd.org</p>
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