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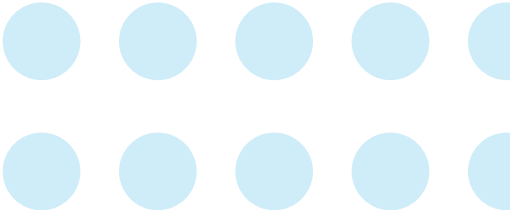
VISION All people can fulfill their potential and prosper, become engaged citizens in peaceful, just, and inclusive societies, and thrive in a healthy, sustainable world.

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

MISSION Mobilize Albertans to become global citizens engaged in sustainable development.

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

VALUES Respect, Inclusiveness, Equality, Empowerment, Human Rights, Collaboration, Accountability, Transparency, Sustainability, Mutual Learning.

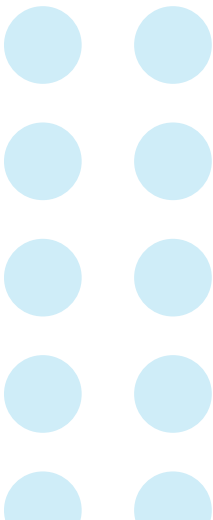


STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Priority #1: Strengthen the collaboration, knowledge, and capacity of civil-society as effective global change agents.

Why this Priority? In facing a broad range of local and global challenges, civil-society organizations and their partners need to be equipped to recognize and respond effectively to address the emergent needs of communities they serve. ACGC plays a key role in strengthening capacity through providing learning opportunities and facilitating collaboration and knowledge sharing, being responsive to the needs, capacity, and size of organizations, including small and medium organizations (SMOs). Through building our network and encouraging knowledge sharing and partnerships between civil-society organizations, as well as between civil-society and stakeholder that share a common vision, we support the ability of civil-society as change agents, leading action and making progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

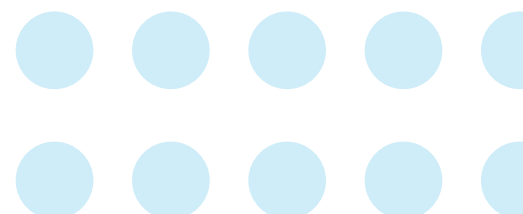
Key Strategies. [1] Provide accessible and targeted learning opportunities on common areas of need to increase organizational capacity. [2] Foster knowledge sharing and connection for increased collaboration and collective impact. [3] Be a recognized hub for information on international cooperation and the UN Sustainable Development Goals



Priority #2: Advance the voices of ACGC members to address global issues and advance sustainable development.

Why this Priority? ACGC acts as a platform to enhance understanding and dialogue between stakeholder groups and Alberta civil-society organizations working to address global issues and advance sustainable development. On behalf of its members, ACGC works to inform and influence policy set by local, provincial, and federal governments and other external stakeholders to the end that these policies create an enabling environment for civil-society, recognize and promote global citizenship, and advance our shared values. ACGC's influence and advocacy is amplified as it represents the collective voice of its membership. ACGC showcases the contribution that its members make in addressing global issues, and advocates for increased financial support to broaden collective impact.

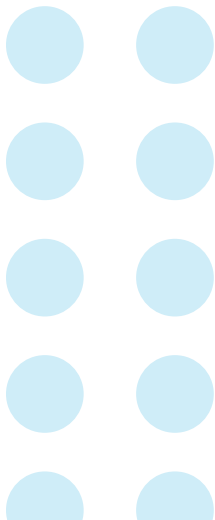
Key Strategies. [1] Ensure Alberta organizations have a respected voice in local, provincial, national, and international forums.
[2] Advocate for increased funding and effective policies and partnerships that enable and equip civil-society.



Priority #3: Inspire the public towards greater awareness, engagement, and action as global citizens.

Why this Priority? Key to reducing global inequality is to support the public in becoming ethical, engaged, and active global citizens committed to global sustainable development. Recognizing global citizenship as a journey, ACGC engages the public by providing opportunities to meet people where they are at in their learning journey, while striving to fostering inclusive, intergenerational, and intercultural spaces that contribute to the deep lifelong learning of individuals and communities. We recognize the critical role educators play in fostering global citizenship, and work to equip them with the specialized knowledge and tools to lead children and youth on their journeys. We are committed to learning and adopting feminist, anti-racist, and anti-colonial approaches to public engagement, prioritizing the perspectives and lived experiences of those most impacted by local and global inequities in our engagement practices. Through the international partnerships of ACGC members and our national networks, Albertans and their counterparts across Canada and around the world can work together to advance sustainable development.

Key Strategies. [1] Promote engaged, ethical and active global citizenship. [2] Broaden participation and public engagement with diverse communities and stakeholders. [3] Promote action on global issues and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Priority #4: Model organizational integrity, wellness, sustainability, and effectiveness.

Why this Priority? Centering the needs the experiences of members, and attracting new members, are critical to ensuring ACGC remains a sustainable and effective voice for sustainable development for years to come. Investing in strong and progressive governance, leadership, and staff that embody the organization’s mission and vision, equipped to lead with integrity and innovation, will help attract and retain funding and talent necessary for long-term organizational wellness, effectiveness, and sustainability. Fostering an environment that prioritizes individual and collective wellness and growth, equity, diversity and inclusion, reflection, and positive relationships will ensure ACGC is best equipped to support individuals and organizations addressing the most pressing global challenges today and into the future.

Key Strategies. [1] Invest in human resources. [2] Foster inclusive and effective member and board engagement. [3] Continually improve organizational processes for increased effectiveness and efficiency. [4] Identify and pursue funding sources that ensure long-term sustainability and allow the organization to effectively pursue its mission.

