



ACGC

ALBERTA COUNCIL FOR
GLOBAL COOPERATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025

Our 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.

Our 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.

Our Values

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



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Aditya Chaudhuri
Board Chair

Message from the Board Chair

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to share this year’s annual report with you. Last year, the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) celebrated 50 years of leadership in international cooperation, a milestone that allowed us to reflect on our roots, honour our members and partners, and recommit to building a more just and sustainable world.

This past year, ACGC continued to strengthen Alberta’s global development community through convening, capacity-building, public engagement, and, for the first time, advocacy. From supporting organizations and engaging thousands of youth and educators in global citizenship to bringing our network together at our annual conference on gender equity and the Sustainable Development Goals, ACGC has demonstrated the power of collective action.

As we enter our next 50 years with renewed leadership, ACGC remains steadfast in its mission to mobilize Albertans for dignity, equity, and global solidarity. Thank you for being part of our journey.



"The 2024–2025 year for ACGC was about "building forward" by celebrating milestones, strengthening programs, amplifying youth leadership, and deepening the sector's collective impact."

Sandra Muchekeza,
Executive Director

Message from the Executive Director

The 2024–2025 year was a remarkable one for the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC). As we marked our 50th anniversary, we reflected on half a century of commitment to mobilizing Albertans as active global citizens while also charting new directions for the future. It was also a year of transition, as I stepped into the role of Executive Director in April 2024, honoured to lead this organization at such a pivotal moment.

This year was not only about looking back—it was about building forward. We celebrated milestones with our members and partners, strengthened our programs, amplified youth leadership, and deepened the collective impact of our sector. The highlights that follow are a testament to the passion, resilience, and vision of our community, as well as to the vital role ACGC continues to play in advancing sustainable development both locally and globally.

Celebrating 50 Years of Impact



Image: 50th Anniversary Gala

AGCC's golden anniversary was marked by moments of celebration, reflection, and renewed commitment for the Council in serving Alberta's international cooperation sector. On September 19, 2024, nearly 120 members, partners, and friends joined us in Edmonton for the 50th Anniversary Gala.

Joined by three of our previous Executive Directors, the evening provided an opportunity to honour the legacy of those who have shaped AGCC's journey and to celebrate the growing role Albertans play in international cooperation. We also recognized two organizations, Mennonite Central Committee and Operation Eyesight Universal, which have been Council members from the very start of AGCC's journey 50 years ago.

Sector Development & Collaboration

Our 2024 Annual Conference, held the day after our celebratory gala, started off with a message from Global Affairs Canada Assistant Deputy Minister, Leslie E. Norton.

This was followed by a fireside chat with Brandon Lee, Director General of Grants and Contributions Transformation at Global Affairs Canada, which examined the Department's development priorities for 2024 and beyond.

Representatives from four ACGC member organizations shared their approaches to delivering programming in times of crises in a panel moderated by Lindsey Machona-Maenzanise, Executive Director at Expand Hope. Participants also took part in a workshop led by Gender and Equity expert, Karen Milne-Craggs, that challenged assumptions and strengthened gender-responsive approaches.

Our keynote speaker, Andy Ouedraogo from Cooperation Canada, concluded the day by sharing with us the various realms of strategic foresight and how they can be applied to reimagine international cooperation.



Image: Sandra Muchekezwa, ACGC's Executive Director, connecting with attendees at the 2024 Annual Conference

Confluence Leadership Summit

In October, nineteen sector leaders gathered in Banff for the Confluence Leadership Summit, where, over the course of three days, participants explored issues of decolonization, anti-racism, gender equity, and leadership resilience. They were also provided tools for both personal and organizational growth, reaffirming the importance of collective leadership in advancing our shared mission.



CONFLUENCE
where leaders in international cooperation meet



Images: Confluence 2024 participants

Strengthening the Sector through Spur Change

ACGC continued to play a vital role nationally through its management of the Spur Change program on behalf of the Inter-Council Network (ICN). A major milestone of the program was the announcement of a no-cost extension from March 2025 through December 2025, providing Spur Change with more time to continue offering capacity-building, training, and knowledge-sharing opportunities for Small and Medium Organizations (SMOs) and their international partners.

The Pathways to Gender Equality national conference in Ottawa was a highlight of the program. Held in November 2024, the event convened 92 participants—including 59 SMOs and four international organizations—for dynamic discussions about advancing gender equality in international cooperation. Spur Change also offered hands-on training, coaching, and workshops throughout the year, covering topics such as project design and implementation, meaningful data collection, and the emerging role of AI in project management.

By enhancing its resource library and expanding tailored coaching for organizations funded through Global Affairs Canada's Development Impact and Women program, Spur Change strengthened the capacity of organizations across Canada, ensuring that even the smallest players in the sector are equipped to deliver lasting impact.



Image: ACGC Executive Director Sandra Muchekeza and Senator Paulette Senior



Image: Group photo of participants at the Spur Change conference



Image: Participants engaging in a workshop at the Spur Change conference.

Inspiring and Recognizing Youth



Image: 2025 Top 30 Under 30 with Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek

Youth leadership remained a cornerstone of ACGC's work. The Top 30 Under 30 Award, now in its 14th year, celebrated a new cohort of outstanding young leaders. From over 100 nominations, 30 youth were selected for their inspiring contributions to global change. Their achievements were recognized at a vibrant celebration in Calgary on February 8, 2025, attended by community leaders and dignitaries, including Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek.

We also sent one Albertan youth with the ICN program to Bangkok, Thailand to attend the Association of Women in Development (AWID) forum. These initiatives underscored the growing leadership of young Albertans in shaping a more just and sustainable world.



Images: Rehma Khan and ACGC Executive Director Sandra Muchekeza at the Forum

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In December 2024, Rehma Khan attended the 15th AWID International Forum in Bangkok, Thailand, as an Alberta Council for Global Cooperation delegate with the Inter-Council Network. Rehma is a South Asian researcher and advocate specializing in the intersection of cultural identity, education, and sexual health within the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health Research (SRHR). Over the course of four days, she engaged with activists from around the world, attending sessions on media activism, collective care, and art for social change. She participated in powerful dialogues on HIV, healing, and community resilience. These experiences left a lasting impact and helped her in reshaping the sustainability of her work, as well as the emotional and relational labour behind it. "I feel like my mind has gone back to that forum over and over again in these past few months," Rehma reflected.

A key shift for Rehma emerged from a session that explored the connection between meaningful and sustainable relationships and the health of our organizations/movements. Months later, this session prompted a major conversation and decision for her and her fellow leaders of a small non-profit. "We love working with organizations, but we're not able to sustain the impact... My team members and I internally decided, 'let's take a step back to reflect upon where we're at now, what we're doing and what we want in the future,'" Rehma explained. This reflection led them to decide to pause their programming for one year, giving themselves time for intentional relationship building and to lay the groundwork for a more sustainable impact.

Reflecting that same approach in her academic work, Rehma noted that "relationships are such an interesting part of my own thesis... they're complex and it's one of those processes that you need to keep learning as you're moving forward. Maybe that's my interpretation of the session, five or six months later." Another experience at the Forum that continues to influence Rehma months later was in a session on art and activism. "Growing up, art was something that I had to do because it was a class I had to take. That was all art was to me, and I don't think I ever really looked at how art applies to me and the work that I'm doing." In this session, she created a poster that expressed some of the core ideas in her SRHR work, utilizing images, metaphors, and intersectionality to convey a layered message. "It didn't feel like a chore," she said. "It was about connecting with art in your own way." Months later, this session continues to influence Rehma's work and overall approach to communicating complex messages in both an approachable and intersectional way.

Since returning, Rehma has been a guest presenter at two ACGC networking events in Edmonton and Calgary, where she connected with several member organizations and met with the former Minister of International Development, Ahmed Hussen. Her experience at AWID afforded her a greater sense of belonging within the sector, as she noted, "I left AWID with a renewed sense of purpose, a greater awareness of global struggles and triumphs, and an appreciation for the creativity and resilience of activists worldwide." Opportunities like the AWID Forum give young changemakers like Rehma the space to learn and grow. For Rehma, attending AWID led to a shift in her approach to work, from an operations-focused to an intentional and collaborative decision-making style. Programs that support experiences like this one help young leaders build the relationships and strengthen the passions they need to keep making meaningful change, long after the program ends.

Our Impact

2024-2025

158

ORGANIZATIONS
IMPACTED

6,781

PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS

170

YOUTH
ENGAGED

400,488

REACHED
ONLINE

254

EDUCATORS
SUPPORTED

Results shown are from ACGC's Inspiring Action,
Spur Change, and Community Impact projects.

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International Development Week 2025

International Development Week (IDW) marked its 35th anniversary in February 2025, under the theme 'Building a Better World Together.' ACGC's contributions highlighted both provincial and national engagement. In Edmonton, ACGC partnered with the Edmonton Public Library to launch an IDW Reading List, and we have the opportunity to host a major event featuring Canada's Minister of International Development, Ahmed Hussen, alongside MP Randy Boissonnault and youth guest speaker Rehma Khan, who shared her experience from attending the AWID 2024 conference in Thailand. This year, the initiative between councils and ICN encouraged and supported young people to write letters to policymakers, sharing their challenges and perspectives and reflecting their vision for achieving the SDGs. Two Alberta youth letters were selected for national publication.

To mobilize the Alberta community and raise awareness about international development, ACGC supported two organizations across Alberta; Real Humanitarian from Medicine Hat organized a panel to discuss global education initiatives and actionable ways to support international development. Called, Building Futures: The power of Education and Engineers without Borders Calgary Professional Chapter who host a documentary screening Let's Talk International Development 2025 and a pop-up event called The World's Achieved 2030 SDGs distributing printed newspapers that are dated Jan 1, 2030 with the headline, "World Achieves SDGs", and fictional articles that describe a world that has achieved all the SDGs.

During distribution, they initiate conversations with the community to raise awareness of the goals and IDW, and provide a brief overview of the experience: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OM86f7E85PE>.



Image: ACGC X Engineers Without Borders - Calgary Chapter IDW2025, "Let's Talk International Development 2025" Documentary Screening.



Ecosystems Supporting Change

Sometimes, challenges in the sector arise from a lack of understanding or community engagement. Raising awareness about needs can be complex and time-consuming, as can leading an organization and its programs. These are the thoughts of Rachel Austin, Executive Director of Real Humanitarian, for whom international development has been not only a career but a lifelong commitment. Her dedication to social justice and her family's influence have driven her to continue the organization's legacy while working tirelessly to create change in both Canadian communities and overseas.

Supporting ecosystems amplifies the work of organizations such as Real Humanitarian. This is a valuable example and an opportunity to showcase how the coalition between councils and programs like Spur Change aims to provide tools that create a meaningful impact and help organizations connect with both communities and the international development sector. Real Humanitarian has actively participated in programs and activities, such as Confluence 2024, where leaders in international cooperation gathered for a week of collaboration and training. The organization has benefited from these opportunities by strengthening its projects, exchanging ideas, and drawing inspiration from the incredible work of other organizations. It has also expanded its network, which is especially meaningful for a group that rarely interacts with other international development organizations, given its base in a small rural community. These types of initiatives have helped Real Humanitarian grow in its understanding of leadership and program development.

Their involvement in programs like Spur Change has been encouraging, as it has allowed the organization to learn and develop detailed processes to implement in their own initiatives. This has helped them identify gaps, raise awareness, and become more effective in addressing the challenges they face, or may face, in future projects. These projects aim not only to raise awareness but also to balance the inequalities identified in the communities they support.

This journey hasn't been easy. Yet, the organization continues to seek ways to better involve the Canadian community, particularly through partnerships with universities, as well as support from individuals and other organizations interested in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and building a global community that strives to improve lives worldwide. Although they sometimes face limitations, such as funding and internal capacity constraints, including staffing, this has not stopped them from moving forward and finding new ways to engage.

This year, their participation in International Development Week, in collaboration with the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation, led to the creation of a hybrid event. This accessible initiative showcased their work on gender equity, particularly women's economic empowerment, and their continued support for education in Ethiopia. It also featured their partnership with the FIT-Funded Ser Niña and their project in Guatemala. A couple of provinces away, Real Humanitarian also received the Development Impact Award for its Job Training for Women in Ethiopia project from the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation during IDW. The opportunities and recognition from two councils make an otherwise lengthy journey more worthwhile.

Organizations like Real Humanitarian are the changemakers. Still, pan-Canadian and global networks can provide the structure, resources, and spaces necessary for individuals and organizations to collaborate and reflect on their impact. Rachel has learned that meaningful change requires consistency and patience. Still, Real Humanitarian has embraced the opportunity to learn more about Ethiopian culture and meet people along the way who teach and inspire. Their programs continue to demonstrate that, even in uncertain times, with collective effort, there are favourable paths forward for the international cooperation sector.



Image: Rachel Austin (left) and Deborah Northcott (right) after the hybrid event "Building Futures - The Power of Education" as part of IDW 2025.

Storytelling and Engagement

Throughout the year, ACGC worked to amplify the voices of its members and highlight the role of Albertans in advancing gender equality and sustainable development. Through the Together Alberta Stories campaign, ACGC profiled 5 member organizations: Nafasi Opportunity Society, Pamir, International Women of Purpose, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada and Real Humanitarian, and shared their impact widely during Giving Tuesday.

Global Citizenship Education remained a programming priority at ACGC. After a 7-year hiatus, we hosted a Teacher Summer Institute in July 2024. Titled "Global Citizen Education at a Crossroad: Intersecting Voices to Foster and Facilitate Solidarity," this two-day retreat aimed to generate a rich set of practices and methodologies capable of addressing critical global and local issues. The Institute was hosted at Métis Crossing (Alberta's first Métis cultural interpretive centre) and combined presentations and interactive workshops from several prominent scholars with immersive experiences hosted by Métis Crossing staff and volunteers.



Image: 2024 Summer Institute Cohort, Métis Crossing, Alberta



Global Citizenship in Action through Education

In the summer of 2024, ACGC hosted an Educator Summer Institute at Métis Crossing, a traditional meeting place for the Métis Nation of Alberta and a cultural center dedicated to preserving Indigenous ways of life in Western Canada.

For two days, educators from across Alberta gathered on Treaty 6 territory, home to various First Nations, including the Cree, Saulteaux, Nakota, and Dene people, in a space that provided educators the opportunity to more deeply engage with Indigenous epistemologies in the field of education while simultaneously challenging them to reflect more intentionally on their own personal histories and educational practices. Working closely with a team of experts in the field of Global Citizenship Education, ACGC carefully crafted a program to challenge colonial narratives and practices in education, bringing culture and heritage into the discourse. This included workshops on art-based practices for navigating conflict, immersive nature-based healing methodologies, and discussions on Global Citizenship Education in action around the world.

One of the participants of this event was Rocío García Solca, an educator from Argentina who is closely connected with the Centre for Global Education. The Centre for Global Education (CGE) is one of ACGC's member organizations. Together, ACGC and CGE collaborate on yearly projects to engage Albertan youth on important global issues through virtual "Global Encounters". Rocío was first introduced to the world of international development through CGE. Having previously worked as a food engineer, Rocío was inspired to pursue a career as a teacher after becoming a mother. CGE offered the opportunity to delve more deeply into that career while exploring important topics such as global citizenship and how to cultivate it in the classroom. It was Rocío's work with CGE's #Decarbonize project (the world's largest, multilingual school-based program on climate education, advocacy, art, and action) that motivated her to join ACGC's 2024 Summer Institute.

In particular, Rocío loved the generative aspect of the event, where she could network with other educators, and "...create something awesome all together...". Indeed, the participants and presenters of the 2024 Summer Institute created a comprehensive summary and digital resource that encompassed the knowledge, ideas, queries, and desires discussed before, during, and after each presentation, workshop, and immersive experience. In essence, this tool captures the spoken words from the institute into written words, serving as a resource for educators to use for their own professional development and/or in their classrooms.

Since she engaged with the Summer Institute, Rocío has been inspired to continue her global engagement in the field of education, attending COP28 and collaborating with UNESCO member representatives to promote CGE's #Decarbonize project further. Like her experiences with earlier programs, Rocío believes the most significant takeaway from the 2024 Summer Institute was the opportunity to grow empathy. By engaging with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds, Rocío thinks that one's own perspectives are expanded, allowing one to hold space for others. What is equally important about these types of programs is the knowledge and resource sharing that occurs amongst participants. Rocío's presence at our Summer Institute allowed 19 other Canadian educators to experience Global Citizenship Education directly from an Argentinean educator, right here in Alberta. Similarly, Rocío left Canada with a rich new set of skills and experiences gained from 19 other educators that she later used in her own classroom, and with her colleagues.

However, what remains from the ACGC 2024 Summer Institute goes far beyond a knowledge translation tool or skills learned; it can also be seen in the relationships that emerged from the program. One such connection led Sally Rudakoff, a teacher from rural Alberta, to Rocío's home in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in the winter of 2024. Their continued engagement following the ACGC's 2024 Summer Institute is a testament to the importance of collaboration in realizing global citizenship. The experience not only broadened their worldview but also created enduring cross-cultural relationships and professional growth.



Image: Rocío García Solca (left) and Sally Rudakoff (right) in Buenos Aires, six months after meeting at the Summer Institute.



Connection as a Catalyst for Collaboration

In June 2023, ACGC initiated its search for a new Executive Director, which culminated in the hiring of Sandra Muchekeza in April 2024. After a nearly year-long search, during which much of the focus was on keeping the organization running, ACGC prioritized rebuilding and strengthening its relationships with members in Year 6 of the Inspiring Action program.

This included celebrating ACGC's 50th anniversary in Edmonton on September 19, 2024, followed by ACGC's Annual Conference the next day. Jack Underschultz, President of [Nafasi Opportunity Society](#), was invited to be one of the panellists at the annual conference. Jack had recently stepped into his role, but had been heavily involved with Nafasi (and was familiar with ACGC, having received [a 2017 Top 30 Under 30 award](#)) for years prior. Earlier in the summer, Jack had attended the first networking event of the year at the ACGC office and [was interviewed for ACGC's 2024 storytelling series, "Albertans Paying it Forward."](#)

As a volunteer-led NGO, there is only so much time to develop skills and networks, so [being in] a council is extremely valuable," said Jack, also adding that "we are in the process of applying to two grants we heard about from ACGC." A significant reason he continues to participate in ACGC's programming is the access to resources and expert-led discussions, as he notes, "It can be so hard to know what's out there." Additionally, ACGC's programs have provided Jack with the opportunity to share his own experiences and lessons learned.

At ACGC's conference, Jack happened to be sitting next to Beatrice Ghattuba, a CPA originally from Kenya. Coincidentally, Beatrice is also Sandra's mother, having come out to ACGC's anniversary and conference to celebrate Sandra's first two major events as the new Executive Director. Given that many of Nafasi's programs are implemented in Kenya, Jack and Beatrice quickly connected over the day. The conversation turned to partnership, and Beatrice volunteered to guide Nafasi with their microfinancing program for disadvantaged women in Kenya. As someone with knowledge of both the Canadian and Jack tries to make time to attend events, ACGC's and others, where possible.

It was a busy year for Nafasi, which included securing an agreement with the University of British Columbia's LIFT program and a microfinancing agreement with Kenya's Fourth Generation Capital. Jack, who is also an emergency room doctor, recently gave a talk at the University of Alberta's Global Health Fair, where he spoke about Nafasi's work. This talk deepened the connection with the Global Health office, which has now endorsed Nafasi.



Jack detailed Nafasi's programs in the story linked above (for ACGC's storytelling series) and explained how women's economic empowerment is a key factor in escaping poverty. In fact, upon reviewing Nafasi's programs, it was determined that a return on investment can be seen in as little as five months for each woman. Considering the various new partnerships now in progress, and the fact that a record 110 women graduated from Nafasi's programs earlier this year, there is much to look forward to in 2025.

Image: (Left to right) Christina Caouette, CEO of Young Diplomats of Canada; Delmy Garcia Hoyt, Vice President of Sombrilla International; Jack Unterschultz, President of Nafasi Opportunity Society; and Nabeel Hameed, Alberta Manager of Islamic Relief Canada.



Image: International Development Week 2025, Edmonton SMOs Networking event with Former Minister Hussien, James Parson from GAC, MP Randy Boissonault and Rehma Khan AWID 2024 delegate.

Growing Our Community

ACGC's membership remained a cornerstone of our work. Following a year of free ACGC membership to mark our 50th anniversary, 47 organizations and 7 individuals recommitted their status as ACGC members by the end of the year.

Efforts to streamline the membership process and highlight benefits were well received. New monthly e-blasts provided members with exclusive updates, early access to events, and various training opportunities.

Through these efforts, ACGC has continued to serve as both a convener and an amplifier, ensuring that our members' contributions are visible and celebrated.

Our Finances

2024-2025

For full audited statements visit
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT MARCH 31, 2025

ASSETS	2025	2024
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 489,288	\$ 821,739
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	47,267	29,769
Guaranteed investment certificate (Note 4)	250,000	–
Prepaid expenses and deposits	484	421
	787,039	851,929
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 5)	\$ 777	1,727
	787,816	\$ 853,656
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 59,882	\$ 120,321
Deferred contributions (Note 6)	344,229	439,880
	404,111	560,201
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	777	1,727
Internally restricted (Note 7)	246,033	189,977
Unrestricted	136,895	101,751
	383,705	293,455
	\$ 787,816	\$ 853,656

Our Funders

ACGC is appreciative of the support from the following institutional partners made our work possible during the year.

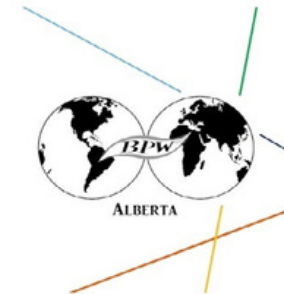


STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

	2025	2024
REVENUE		
GAC grant: Spur Change (Note 7)	\$ 877,644	\$ 1,107,664
GAC grant: Inspiring Action	610,094	551,042
Civil Society Fund	4,771	164,150
Canada Summer Jobs	4,569	4,696
Memberships	12,762	-
Interest income	3,415	2,931
Workshop income	1,561	-
Donations	40	40
	1,514,856	1,830,523
EXPENSES		
Salaries and benefits (Note 10)	815,775	997,290
Travel	197,886	190,666
Subcontractors	183,364	302,646
Events	120,844	92,836
Administrative	73,554	82,375
Communications and publications	32,233	72,504
Amortization	950	1,396
	1,424,606	1,739,713
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 90,250	\$ 90,810

Our Members



Our Members



Our Leadership

CHAIR: Aditya Chaudhuri – Engineers Without Borders Calgary

VICE-CHAIR: Maria Cristancho – CAUSE Canada

TREASURER: Daniel Zopoula – Bridges of Hope

SECRETARY: Shaka Ceesay – Foundation for Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue Initiatives

MEMBER AT LARGE

Lindsey Machona – *Expand Hope*

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Nabeel Hameed – *Islamic Relief Canada*

Greg Sowak – *NorQuest International*

Karen Joe – *CAWST*

Kristin Poch – *Operation Eyesight*

Lenora Yarkie – *Sombrilla International Development Society*

Sandra Muchekeza – *ACGC Executive Director*

Our Partners

ACGC is a member of the **Inter-Council Network (ICN)**, a coalition of the eight Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation. ACGC operates the *Spur Change* program on behalf of the ICN and 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. ACGC is also a member of **Cooperation Canada**, a coalition of Canadian civil-society organizations working in the international development and humanitarian sector.



Accreditations

Fair Trade Workplace: ACGC is proud to be a Fair Trade Workplace certified by the Canadian Fair Trade Network.

United Nations ECOSOC: As of June 2019, ACGC holds Special Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Alberta Living Wage Employer: ACGC is a Living Wage Employer in the Province of Alberta.



Commitments

As a member of **Cooperation Canada**, ACGC adheres to its Code of Ethics, which ACGC has adopted as its own. ACGC is also a signatory of the *Leaders' Pledge on Addressing and Preventing Sexual Misconduct*, and the *Anti-Racism Framework for Canada's International Cooperation Sector*.

CLOSING REFLECTION

As we close this year, we are reminded of both how far we have come and how much remains to be done. ACGC's strength lies in its community: the members, partners, and youth who drive forward the vision of a more just, inclusive, and sustainable world.

Looking ahead, we will continue to build on the momentum of this year—deepening partnerships, fostering youth leadership, and strengthening Alberta's voice in the global conversation. Together, we carry forward the legacy of the past fifty years while laying the foundation for the decades to come.