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# ANNUAL REPORT

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ATLANTIC COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
CONSEIL ATLANTIQUE POUR LA COOPÉRATION INTERNATIONALE

# A YEAR IN REVIEW



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## ACIC MISSION STATEMENT

The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation is a coalition of individuals, organizations, and institutions working in the Atlantic region, which is committed to achieving global sustainability in a peaceful and healthy environment, with social and economic justice, human dignity, and participation for all.

ACIC supports its members in international cooperation and education through collective leadership, networking, information, training and coordination, and represents their interests when dealing with government and others.

## ACIC VISION

**ATLANTIC CANADIANS ENGAGED AS GLOBAL CITIZENS TO CREATE A JUST WORLD.**

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# REPORT FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The last year has been one of impact and success for us at ACIC. With a very dedicated staff and board, we have made significant strides in meeting our strategic goals and have contributed at the local, national and international levels. Within the Atlantic region, we have continued to engage Atlantic Canadians around global issues and the Sustainable Development Goals. In particular, we have reached out to more than 100,000 people through our communications activities, and actively engaged more than 500 youth. Through our work, 20 exceptional young professionals have deepened their understanding of international cooperation and made an impact in the global south, and many will continue on this career path,

undoubtedly achieving great things.

Through our training and capacity building work, we have implemented 15 training sessions in the four Atlantic provinces, helping to support our members and their work, and raising our collective development effectiveness in such areas as partnership development, ethical story-telling, diversity, human rights and international competencies. We hosted a highly successful symposium that engaged more than 50 participants, with a variety of speakers, workshops and a gala event. This, along with other networking events in the four provinces, provided opportunities for members to come together to learn more about the work each is undertaking.

On the national stage, ACIC organized a formal consultation process in partnership with Global Affairs Canada to allow our members to give input into the International Assistance Review (IAR). Based on the feedback of more than 80 individuals, we developed a submission with recommendations in the six thematic areas. While the IAR report has not yet been released by GAC, they have developed a "What We Heard" document that summarizes the key points made within all of the submissions, and many of the recommendations found in our submission are prevalent within this document.

As well, through our work with the Inter-Council Network (ICN), we have been advocating for more than three years for funding to Small and Medium Sized Organizations (SMOs). On May 9th, the Minister of International Cooperation and La Francophonie, Marie Claude Bibeau, announced a new \$100 million fund for small and medium-sized organizations. We were thrilled by this announcement, and feel it serves as an important step in increasing the diversity of Canada's development partners, while harnessing the expertise, innovation, and flexibility of small and medium organizations across the country. This initiative recognizes and supports



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the proven capacity, effectiveness and impact of SMOs in development cooperation. It is also a strong statement on Canada's commitment towards enabling a diversity of organizations that represent the best of our many approaches, as well as geographical and community contexts.

On the international stage, we continue to frame and monitor our work around international agreements, including the Sustainable Development Goals. Connecting the collective efforts of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the Atlantic with the work that is happening across the country and globally, helps us to measure impact on a larger scale and serves to cultivate a culture of collaboration and improve our common work. This year, ACIC had a role on the North American Delegation of Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation High Level Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. This was an opportunity to discuss Atlantic Canadian perspectives and realities with CSOs and governments from around the world. None of this could have been possible without the creativity

and hard work of the ACIC Board of Directors and ACIC staff team. We'd like to thank them for their efforts this year, and look forward to continued success in the coming year.

# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WORK

## ACT 4 GLOBAL CHANGE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

ACIC's ACT 4 Global Change Ambassador Program invites four Atlantic Canadian youth leaders to make a year-long commitment to connect their schools, communities and provinces to the larger global community. In addition to supporting the ACT 4 Global Change Challenge and the delivery of workshops focused on promoting active global citizenship for elementary and high school students, the youth ambassadors connected with members in their home provinces, consulted with the Prime Minister's Youth Council, and collaborated on a public engagement event bringing awareness to climate change. The current youth ambassadors will remain in their roles until October 2017. Recruitment for new ACT 4 Global Change youth ambassadors will begin in September 2017. Visit the ACT 4 Global Change website for more information: [www.act4globalchange.ca](http://www.act4globalchange.ca).

*The best part of being a youth ambassador, is getting the chance to meet new people, hear their stories and learn about important things. Also, the fact that I have the opportunity to teach others about different issues that are very important to me and knowing that that I am encouraging the youth to get involved in their community*

- ACT 4 Global Change Ambassador



## ACT 4 GLOBAL CHANGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Thirty-two Atlantic Canadian youth, ages 15-18, came together at Camp Brigadoon for the ACT 4 Global Change Youth Conference (formerly Move Your World!), October 7-10th, 2016. In partnership with ACIC member Amnesty International, the conference was an opportunity for youth to get informed, get inspired, and take action on global issues in a safe and welcoming space. The conference featured:

- **OPENING REMARKS BY SPOKEN WORD ARTIST EL JONES;**
- **MINING: OPEN FOR JUSTICE WITH AMNESTY AND DEVELOPMENT & PEACE;**
- **MSIT NO'KMAQ: ALL MY RELATIONS WITH AARON PROSPER;**
- **GENDER & SEXUALITY WITH MIZEL CLUETT & KY GREYSON;**
- **CREATIVE VISUALS WITH ZACHARY GOUGH;**
- **ISLAMOPHOBIA WITH MASUMA KHAN;**
- **NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION AND STORYTELLING THROUGH MEDIA WITH ROBIN TRESS;**
- **THE BLANKET EXERCISE WITH KAIROS;**
- **MEDICINE WHEEL AS A WAY OF KNOWING WITH ELIZA KNOCKWOOD;**
- **SONGWRITING WITH DRAMATIC CHANGES;**
- **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING WITH MADALYN NIELSEN AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL**



*"I educated more people on my culture."*

- ACT 4 Global Change youth conference participant



*"Hopefully everything I learned and the people I met will stay with me forever."*

- ACT 4 Global Change youth conference participant





## ACT 4 GLOBAL CHANGE CHALLENGE

This year's Atlantic Canadians Together (ACT 4) Global Change Challenge saw five elementary schools throughout the Atlantic Region compete to complete the most 'ACTivities' for positive global change during the month of February, with the winning school receiving a cash prize of \$500 to put



towards a 'Take Action' project of their choice. The ACT 4 Global Change Challenge is a way to encourage students to be 'ACTive' global citizens, as well as a way for teachers to complement curriculum with activities to help meet learning outcomes.

A total of 1,877 students participated in 63 group activities. Youth Ambassadors provided outreach to participating schools, playing a key role in inspiring other youth to become active global citizens. Overall, the reach to schools exceeded past years, which is even more commendable as the Nova Scotia teachers' work-to-rule action meant that there were no NS schools involved (NS schools have traditionally been the highest ratio of schools over the four provinces). Communications, including video messaging about the Challenge, attracted new audiences and gained supporters through our social media. Additional resources, such as a poster on the SDGs, were created and mailed out as part of a resource package to participating schools.

The winning school, Sussex Elementary, is based in the small town of Sussex, New Brunswick. ACIC staff attended an awards ceremony and presented the cheque along with a workshop on global citizenship.

*"I strongly believe that activities such as these will leave lasting impressions on our students and will impact them throughout their lives, creating caring and conscientious adults."*

- Teacher

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH INTERNSHIPS

In the second year of a two-year funded program, ACIC continued to offer both interns and hosting organizations exceptional opportunities for learning and contributing to international development efforts. By working in partnership with our member organizations and Southern partners, we were able to deliver a successful program that allowed 20 interns to improve their skills and awareness of opportunities within the field of international development. Many have already found jobs in their fields (both in Canada and abroad), have continued working with their hosting organization, or have decided to continue their studies in order to further enhance their employability options.

Having been immersed in issues of global and local social justice issues through their internship experience, interns increased their knowledge in many areas of international development, enabling them to be more deeply engaged global citizens. At the end of their internship, when asked how they would rate their ability to promote international development efforts in Canada and abroad, a significant percentage of interns in both cohorts noted increased capacity.

*"Thank you for this opportunity. It was an amazing experience and I am grateful to have been chosen to do such meaningful work."*

- IYIP participant

ACIC has submitted proposals for future International Youth Internship Program (IYIP) and International Aboriginal Youth Internship Initiative (IAYI) programming to Global Affairs Canada. Both proposals leverage the respective strengths of consortia members, including ACIC members, indigenous organizations, and councils from across Canada. If funded, the combined programs would provide opportunities to 220 interns to be hosted by 26 southern partners in 18 countries over five years.



## SOUTHERN SPEAKERS SYMPOSIUM FUND

The purpose of Southern Speakers Symposium Fund is to provide opportunities for Southern partners to dialogue with Atlantic Canadians on issues and demonstrate impact of efforts in international cooperation. ACIC provides funds to support the travel of an international partner to attend our annual symposium. The second recipient of the fund, Mbarouk Mussa Omar, the founder of Community Forests Pemba, was selected to attend ACIC's 2016 annual symposium in Halifax, NS. Mr. Omar was part of a panel presentation at the symposium, which spoke to his experience building partnerships. He also presented a workshop ("**Can an NGO work like a start-up?**") in collaboration with Jeff Schnurr, the ED of Community Forests International (based in NB). Mbarouk also visited a number of Community Forests International's Canadian projects, including The Rural Innovation Campus and the Adopt-a-clearcut tree planting project. Mbarouk spoke at a film screening, "**Kokota: Islet of Hope**" in Fredericton, and was able to meet and connect with several donors and stakeholders.

The request for proposals for the third round of the program was issued in February 2017. An ad hoc committee, comprised of ACIC staff, board and members was formed and selected from among five nominations. Alice Mugisho Musimwa, coordinator of a team of human rights advocates working to defend the rights of vulnerable women and children in

Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, was selected to attend ACIC's 2017 annual symposium.

## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

Our IDW focus this year was on gender equality. We hosted a luncheon event - *Uprising: A New Age is Dawning for Every Mother's Daughter*, a dialogue between world renowned journalist, Sally Armstrong and student activist, Masuma Khan, which attracted 51 people in person and more than 100 virtually. An evening event with Ms. Armstrong in partnership with the Global Health Office drew an additional 84 people. The events enabled us to engage with a diversity of participants, including academics, students, local women's organizations, along with many ACIC members. On PEI, ACIC members showcased their work at Timothy's Café, which attracted some 5,000 people over the month of February. In NB and NL, video and livestream of the *Uprising* event attracted 114 people at Memorial University and at the New Brunswick Community College. Our social media reach during IDW enabled us to expand the audience for our messages, and we reached nearly 15,000 people through our social media platforms.



## MEMBERS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FUND

This year was the third call for our Members Public Engagement Fund. The purpose of the ACIC Member Public Engagement Fund is to support good practice and innovative methods of engaging Atlantic Canadians in global development issues. The fund is open to all ACIC members and supports small public engagement projects through a competitive request for proposals process. The following five projects received ACIC support, and in total engaged more than 3,718 individuals:



**Migrant Dreams: Documentary film Tour: Cooper Institute, Breaking the Silence, Maritimes Conference - United Church of Canada**

A Maritime film tour featuring the Canadian documentary film **Migrant Dreams**, was organized to build awareness of issues around migrant labour. The documentary, by award-winning filmmaker Min Sook

Lee, follows women migrant workers in Canadian agriculture struggling for permanent residency status and decent working conditions and rights. The film was shown in 5 communities in the Maritimes, followed by a discussion with Tazna Miranda Leal, of Justicia for Migrant Workers (Ontario), and Josie Baker, of Cooper Institute (PEI). Both groups are founding members of the Coalition for Migrant Worker Rights Canada. A total of 209 participants attended events in 5 locations across the Atlantic in NS, PEI and NB.

## Imagine Culture Photo Contest: Passages Canada

The Imagine Culture Contest's online exhibit is a component of Passages Canada's programming that explores issues of culture, identity and immigration through photography. This contest asked participants to capture what the concept of "culture" means to them, by taking a photo and writing a short summary. Participants were asked to submit their photos and a short summary statement to the contest until the contest ended on March 31, 2017. Having photo submissions featured using the online exhibit, allowed elementary, intermediate, senior, young adult and ESL participants to virtually connect with each other across the country. Newcomer participants also stood to benefit from this





unique story-sharing opportunity as a means of connecting with other newcomers who may be experiencing similar situations as they adjust to life in Canada.

**Truro foody friday 2017 Coffeehouse: Dalhousie, Agricultural Campus- International Office**

Many Atlantic Canadians begin their day with a cup of coffee, but few give thought to the impact their choice has on the world. The Truro Food Friday (TFF) Coffeehouse aimed to bring a mindful appreciation of the global social and environmental impacts of consumer choices with regard to coffee, across its production, processing, distribution, sale, brewing methods, and waste. Pulling expertise from across academia, community, and private sectors, the

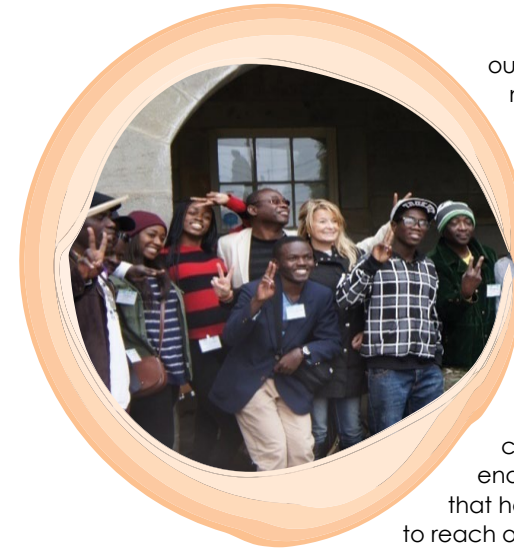
TFF Coffeehouse engaged 86 guests in thought provoking discussions and upskilling workshops, all while enjoying creative talent performances from local community members.

Aroma Maya is a local coffee roaster located in North River, NS.

Sergio Garrido, its young proprietor, is originally from Guatemala, but now makes Canada—Nova Scotia, specifically—his home and business base. Sergio shared with guests his journey as the founder of the new coffee line navigating the complicated and opaque waters of establishing a coffee related initiative that considers its environmental, social, and economic impacts both locally and globally. From exploring large scale and well-established movements to creative small scale methods limited to solely Aroma Maya, Sergio brought the audience through Aroma Maya's journey to its current initiatives. These initiatives included pursuing methods to directly source coffee beans from producers, packaging using bio-degradable coffee bags, and partnering with local organizations to offer fundraising opportunities. In addition to sharing his journey, Sergio also provided refreshments for the guests with coffee, tea, brownies, scones, and cookies.

**Building Bridges for International Development Through Children and Youth Engagement: ECAAIR (East and Central Africa Association of Indigenous Rights)**

This project engaged children and youth from Fredericton, NB, in important conversations around international development issues, including the SDGs. ECAAIR hosted a total of five workshops on the SDGs; two in a community setting to reach



out to First Nations and newcomers, reaching a total of 115 children (10-14) and 120 youth (15-35); and three in schools, reaching a total of 180 children between the ages of 10-16. The workshops in communities provided a training component, which enabled some of those that had participated to reach out to their own

communities. A total of 500 people were reached through these efforts. The project with undertaken in partnership with the S.M.Y.L.E. Youth Group at St. Mary's First Nations, Fredericton, the Iranian Association of New Brunswick, the Filipino Association of New Brunswick and the Students Union of New Brunswick.

**5 Days for the forest: Conservation Council of New Brunswick**

ACIC also funded the **5 Days for the Forest** event, which was held in Fredericton during National Forest Week (Sept. 19-24, 2016). The forest festival celebrated the diverse mixed-wood

forest, wildlife and flora. The events fostered an appreciation of New Brunswick's forest biodiversity to ensure its conservation. An overflowing room of almost 100 students, professors and members of the community at the University of New Brunswick's Forestry Building, listened to Nick Hawkins and Community Forests International's Zach Melanson tell stories of global forest conservation and restoration through their photographs and film.

This event accomplished its goals of connecting the efforts to conserve forest across borders and discuss the importance of global forest conservation as key to action on climate change, community development and poverty alleviation. Many students, professors and community members attended the presentation and the presenters piqued their interest in international development, forest conservation and climate action.





## SHIRLEY CASE AWARD FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

This award was created in the spring of 2009 by the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC) to honour the life of Shirley Case, who was killed in Afghanistan on August 13, 2008 while working with the International Rescue Committee. Shirley worked as an intern with ACIC in 2004/2005. She spent four months in Halifax, and five months working with our partner organization, the NGO Coalition for the Environment (NGOCE) in Calabar, Nigeria.



The **Shirley Case Leadership Award for Global Citizenship** is presented annually to an individual in Atlantic Canada who has demonstrated a spirit of global citizenship in a local, national or international capacity and who has helped create a more just and sustainable world.

It was our honour to present this award to Burris Devanney during the ACIC Gala Event at the 2016 Symposium. Burris Devanney is a co-founder of the Nova Scotia - Gambia Association (NSGA). He served NSGA for nearly two decades

as its Executive Director, during which the Association conducted more than 40 development projects in The Gambia and Sierra Leone. Burris's work experience in Africa spans seven countries and 48 years, most recently working on behalf of teachers' unions in Ghana and Sierra Leone on important community mobilization. We were extremely impressed with the depth of Burris' experience and his ongoing commitment to building solidarity between Atlantic Canada and the global south. His leadership in the sector, specifically through his NSGA work has been exemplary. It is also clear that he has a strong commitment to building community partnerships in his work. Burris has contributed a great deal to the sector, and to the Atlantic Canadian region through his work and we were thrilled to present this award to such a deserving candidate.



## TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING

### ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

ACIC hosted a very successful AGM & Symposium in Halifax, NS. **"Looking Back, Moving Forward: Celebrating 40 Years of International Cooperation in the Atlantic Region"** supported a number of capacity building and networking activities, including panel discussions, workshops, a plenary and keynote events. Referencing key projects, moments and events that

have shaped the past 40 years of our work, the symposium was organized around three key streams: Volunteerism, Partnerships, and Engaging Canadians. We also hosted a gala event to celebrate ACIC's 40th anniversary, during which we showcased interviews and a photo slideshow of Atlantic Canadians that have been involved in the sector. The event drew 50 participants, including ACIC members, students, funders and guests from the global south. Overall, this



milestone symposium enabled us to reflect on where we have come from and where we want to go in our future work.

Keynote speaker Shelagh Savage, Associate Director, Strategic Partnerships with the Coady International Institute, reflected on the opportunity to build on the great work being done as a regional community towards global social change, and collaborate differently to do it even better. The panel **“Vision Forward: Change & Challenge in Transforming our World”** focused on a discussion of how, within the context of the recently adopted UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we can continue to create meaningful impact.

Workshop topics included:

- **GETTING GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP INTO THE CURRICULUM (ADAM MCKIM)**
- **WILL THE REAL GLOBAL CITIZEN PLEASE STAND UP? CRITICAL INSIGHTS ON SERVICE LEARNING AND INTERNATIONALIZATION INITIATIVES (RYLAN HIGGINS)**
- **PARTNERSHIPS INTEGRATING EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (GWEN COLEMAN & ERIC SMITH)**
- **CAN AN NGO WORK LIKE A START-UP? CREATING A CULTURE OF LEARNING AND COLLABORATION (MBAROUK M. OMAR & JEFF SCHNURR)**
- **ADVOCACY, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND GLOBAL JUSTICE: RULES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIVIL**

## SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN CANADA (JOHN CAMERON)

- **FOREST OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: USING THE SEE, JUDGE, ACT METHOD AS AN APPROACH TO AID AND DEVELOPMENT (REBECCA RATHBONE)**
- **THE VALUE OF SMALL AND MEDIUM NGOS (BRIAN TOMLINSON, BURRIS DEVANNEY, TERESA MELLISH & JENNIFER SLOOT)**
- **TELLING YOUR STORY: HOW DEVELOPMENT GROUPS CAN BECOME THEIR OWN MEDIA THROUGH CONTENT MARKETING (SEAN KELLY)**
- **ACT 4 GLOBAL CHANGE (FRANCISCA ANNAN, SUMITRA SUBEDI, MIRA KALABA & JOEY CHEN)**

## TRAINING ACTIVITIES

In order to build capacity within our membership to increase overall development effectiveness, ACIC organized capacity building workshops on Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Newfoundland this year. Our training program is framed around our Code of Ethics, with considerations for other international principles and frameworks including the Istanbul Principles and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We engaged a total of 49 organizations and individuals in these training sessions and 90% of participants perceived that their ability to undertake effective, sustainable development practices was increased.

ACIC CACI PRESENTS  
**COMMUNICATIONS AND ETHICAL STORYTELLING**  
★ ★  
WHAT: Workshop  
WHERE: TBA, Fredericton, NB  
WHEN: 9:30am-4pm Thurs. Nov. 3  
\$25 for ACIC Members and students  
\$50 for non-Members and students  
RSVP by Oct. 27 to [janellesac@acic.org](mailto:janellesac@acic.org)  
FULL DETAILS HERE: <http://bit.ly/ACICTrainings>

ACIC CACI PRESENTS  
**DIVERSITY, HUMAN RIGHTS, & INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCIES**  
WHEN: 9-4PM, SAT. NOV. 5, 2016  
WHERE: TBA, CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI  
RSVP: [janellesac@acic.org](mailto:janellesac@acic.org) by Oct. 28  
Full details here: <http://bit.ly/ACICTrainings>

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**ETHICAL PARTNERSHIPS**  
Council Chamber Room  
UC 2001, University  
Centre, St. John's  
Campus, MUN  
Tues. February 26, 9-5pm  
RSVP by Feb. 24 to:  
[janellesac@acic.org](mailto:janellesac@acic.org)  
\$25 for Members, \$50 for non-Members. Lunch included. Full details here: <http://bit.ly/ACICTrainings>

In Fredericton, NB we hosted a workshop on Communications and Ethical Story-telling, facilitated by Sean Kelly, who has more than 20 years experience in communications, writing, film & radio production, public relations and social marketing. On PEI, we coordinated a training on Diversity, Human Rights, and Intercultural Competencies. The workshop was conducted by Kate Dempsy, who has been delivering workshops on this topic since 2006. In NL, ACIC collaborated with the Partnership Broker Association (PBA) to provide a one-day workshop on Ethical Partnerships, which focused on developing effective partnerships between CSOs and universities.

## NETWORKING

Over the past year ACIC hosted 11 provincial and regional networking events. We use a variety of different modes to bring members together

– networking breakfasts, development drinks, BBQs, and luncheons. Our networking events allow members to learn more about each other's work, events and interests, and allow new and potential members to better understand the work we do together. These events are valued by many as a space to find and nurture community, and to bring together the diversity and breadth of experience, opinions, approaches and needs that exist in our sector. As a result of our networking activities, ACIC members have established new partnerships and worked together on a variety of activities and events. Last year almost 300 people participated in our networking events, and 100% of survey respondents found them valuable.





ACT4GC  
WEBSITE USERS  
PER YEAR:

5,825

FACEBOOK  
LIKES:

1,392

TWITTER  
FOLLOWERS:

1,682

ACIC WEBSITE  
USERS PER YEAR:

27,139

E-BULLETIN  
SUBSCRIBERS:

759

## COMMUNICATIONS

INSTAGRAM  
FOLLOWERS:

135

ACIC has become a leader in communications, particularly through our efforts in social media. We have expanded our reach through the use of various communications platforms, which has enabled us to reach out to new audiences with our messages. Through the Members Annual Survey, ACIC is able to hear from our members about what communication platforms work well. Members appreciate ACIC's various modes of communication, find the website user-friendly ([www.acic-caci.org](http://www.acic-caci.org) and [www.act4globalchange.ca](http://www.act4globalchange.ca)), and enjoy the diverse modes of delivery (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, bi-weekly e-bulletins, and a print newsletter published three times a year). ACIC strives to highlight our

members' events, workshops, job postings, and volunteer opportunities. Creating e-connections among our members is one of the main benefits of being an ACIC member.

In 2017, ACIC also created a Communications Strategy, which will help us to better focus our communications and to ensure that our key messages are getting out. The strategy involved the efforts of ACIC staff, board members, volunteers and consultants, and has enabled us to better target our messages to specific audiences, ensuring that information about the work of our members gets a wide audience, giving us all better traction.

## CROSS SECTORAL EVENTS & PARTNERSHIPS

ACIC places a strong value in engaging in cross sectoral events and developing diverse, strategic partnerships that will enable us to conduct our work in a more effective way. This year, staff and volunteers participated in 11 cross-sectoral events, allowing us to establish new relationships and strengthen our programming.

We attended a number of education and partnerships events, including the Nova Scotia Secondary Students Association conference, the Dalhousie Rowe Management 10th anniversary celebration, the Social Studies Teachers Association conference, the Dalhousie Management poster session, the Dalhousie Student Union SDG conference, the Canadian Jesuit International Event, and the Halifax Career Fair. As well, ACIC staff participated in the Mount Saint Vincent University *Girls Conference*, providing an opportunity to reach out to a different youth audience.

ACIC also partnered with the NS government (Volunteerism and the Non-Profit Sector Division of the Department of Community Services), who has hosted a reception over the past number of years to mark the UN International Volunteer

Day. The goal of the event, held on December 5th, was to celebrate volunteerism and the contributions of volunteers in Nova Scotia and around the world, and to pay special tribute to people's participation in making a difference locally, nationally and globally. ACIC staff assisted by emceeing the event, as well as securing a speaker, Aisha Abawajy, a youth volunteer with Amnesty International and former ACT 4 Global Change youth conference volunteer.

In addition, we participated in events at the international level, helping us to better understand how our regional work fits into global collective action.

### HIGH-LEVEL MEETING 2 (HLM2), NAIROBI, KENYA

This year, ACIC staff and board participated in the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEC) High Level Meeting 2 in Nairobi, Kenya, as a part of the North American Civil Society delegation.

This meeting brought together government, private sector and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to take stock of the implementation of development effectiveness principles and commitments, to provide a learning space on development effectiveness, and to identify innovative approaches to sustainable development that can be scaled up.

Although the majority of the North American delegation were not directly engaged in the negotiation process once the HLM2 started, those in the inner leadership group shared that the outcomes were positive, and the resulting **Nairobi Outcome Document** and **Civil Society Statement** will assist existing and new

*“One of the highlights for me, personally, was participating in the CSO forum, November 29, 2016, as an opportunity to learn much more from many CSO leaders from around the world, on their challenges related to Development Effectiveness and the “Enabling Environment” (or more accurately, the closing space for CSOs, around the world).”*

- Jennifer Slood,  
Executive Director

development actors to implement Agenda 2030 and realise the SDGs.

This was a good opportunity to represent ACIC within the North American delegation, and with the official Canadian delegates, including the Canadian Ambassador to Kenya (and the region), and the Global Affairs Canada representatives.



## INTER-COUNCIL NETWORK

The Inter-Council Network (ICN) is a coalition of the eight provincial and regional Councils for International Cooperation. Together, we represent over 400 diverse organizations from across Canada that are committed to global social justice. The ICN provides a forum in which the Councils collaborate for improved effectiveness and identify common priorities for collective action.

As a member of the ICN, ACIC has engaged with the councils on a number of key initiatives this year.

As part of our National Training Program, the ICN developed a six-week online Public Engagement course, **“Hive Mind: Engaging the Public for the Greater Good”**. The course builds on work conducted over the past number of years on the Global Hive, a centralized website that houses resources and good practices on Public Engagement. The course consists of four modules: Introduction to Public Engagement; Youth Engagement; Education: Engaging Schools, Teachers and Students; and Partnerships and Collaboration. The course was launched in January 2017, and has engaged more than 400 participants to date.

The ICN also participated in a variety

of meetings with Global Affairs Canada (GAC) representatives, including a first-time meeting in February 2017 with Minister Bibeau, as well as Parliamentary Secretary Celina Caesar Chavannes. Meetings with GAC representatives offered the ICN the opportunity to share recommendations on a fund for Small and Medium-sized Organizations (SMOs), among other things.

As well, the ICN delivered a workshop at the World Social Forum in Montreal entitled “Canada, the World and Agenda 2030: A North-South Civil Society Consultation” which discussed Council submissions to the IAR and findings from our consultation processes. The second workshop at this event, “The Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Context of the Sustainable Development Goals”, presented by Eliza Knockwood, drew connections between the SDGs, personal experiences and Indigenous tradition.

This year, ICN also facilitated several webinars which served to build the capacity of our membership and increase their ability to undertake effective, sustainable development.

Finally, the ICN has collaborated with the Canadian Council for International Cooperation on a number of initiatives over the past year, including a joint-survey on the CRA consultation on the political activities of charities, helping to strengthen our relationship and increase our reach.





# GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS

## INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REVIEW

In June 2016, ACIC hosted a high-level consultation in Halifax, NS in collaboration with Global Affairs Canada. A number of GAC staff and political representatives attended, including Elissa Golberg (Assistant Deputy Minister, Partnerships for Innovation & Development) and Karina Gould (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister Bibeau), who spoke at the event. A total of 77 participants attended this consultation. A panel of five speakers (ACIC members and thematic experts) addressed the participants and small groups discussed the questions and reported back. ACIC also hosted a webinar to enable remote participants to feed into the process. A formal submission, based on feedback from both sessions, was created and sent to Minister Bibeau. ACIC also produced a short video outlining our key messages which can be found on our website: [www.acic-caci.org/our-work/](http://www.acic-caci.org/our-work/).

Results from ACIC's submission fed into the larger submission by the Inter-Council Network (ICN). The ICN submission brought together recommendations from all councils. The process entailed obtaining feedback and offering

members an opportunity for review of the final submission. Recommendations included the necessity to support small and medium sized organizations.

## CANADA REVENUE AGENCY CONSULTATIONS

ACIC worked in collaboration with the CCIC and the ICN to administer a survey to members to better understand the challenges faced by international charities. The survey provided the content for a number of submissions to CRA through their consultation process. There was a relatively small response to the national survey from Atlantic Canada; however, those charities that did respond gave valuable information that was used within the submission drafted by the ICN. ACIC staff attended the Halifax consultation, to draw particular attention to some of the unique challenges faced by charities engaged in international work. The CCIC also used the results of the survey to prepare a robust submission to the CRA.

# ACIC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## BOARD COMMITTEES

As we come to the end of another year of activities, it is rewarding to look at the work accomplished collectively. ACIC's engaged and competent board worked diligently to strengthen governance. Among our accomplishments are the finalization of the transition plan for the Executive Director position, the development of a conflict resolution policy and a procurement policy, a framework for risk management, and the generation of new orientations for this year's symposium.

This year the board is also recommending that we ratify nine new members at the 2017 AGM. These include:

### ORGANIZATIONS:

**LATIN AMERICAN MISSIONS PROGRAM ONE**

### INDIVIDUAL:

**BETH ARCHIBALD  
CHRIS GILLIAN  
DARLENE DOIRON  
ERICA STANLEY**

**IVANA AMIDZIC  
JACKIE DOWLING  
KEITH FORSYTH**

We would like to thank all individuals who contributed to the work of the board and its committees this year.

### GOVERNANCE & NOMINATION COMMITTEES:

**NADYA LADOUCEUR, MARYANNE MCKINNON,  
JENNIFER SLOOT**

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

**JOHN CAMERON, JANELLE FRAIL, JENNIFER SLOOT,  
LOUISE WEBB, ANN WHEATLEY, SONIA HO, DELLA  
WEBSTER**

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEES:

**BRIAN TOMLINSON, NORA DIDKOWSKY, NADYA  
LADOUCEUR**

### RISK COMMITTEE:

**NATALIE GOSSE, JOANNE ALBRECHT, STEPHANIE  
MCANANY, VERONICA MCGINN, CAROLYN  
WHITEWAY**

### AD HOC SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEES:

**BRIAN TOMLINSON, ADAM CHRISTIE, JANELLE  
FRAIL, ALISHA LEBOUTHILLIER, FREDDY WANGABO  
MWENENGABO, JENNIFER SLOOT, SHELLY  
STEVENSON, CLAIRE TARRY, DELLA WEBSTER,  
CAROLYN WHITEWAY**

# FINANCE

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION MARCH 31, 2017

	2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$143,454	\$254,662
Accounts receivable	36,704	-
Harmonized sales tax receivable	14,474	5,956
Prepaid expenses	650	-
	<b>\$195,282</b>	<b>\$260,618</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$33,724	\$30,214
Employee deductions payable	6,291	5,194
Deferred revenue	-	87,067
	<b>40,015</b>	<b>122,475</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted net assets	82,537	66,777
Internally restricted net assets (Note 3)	72,730	71,366
	<b>155,267</b>	<b>138,143</b>
	<b>\$195,282</b>	<b>\$260,618</b>

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2017

	2017	2016
<b>REVENUES</b>		
<b>PROJECT REVENUE</b>		
Connecting with Canadians initiative	\$306,632	\$314,623
Connecting with Canadians overhead	35,885	36,539
ACIC contributions to connecting with Canadians	5,200	4,012
International youth internship program	378,467	254,340
International youth internship program overhead	45,440	30,521
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>		
Federal summer student grant	3,745	2,968
Provincial summer student grant	-	4,214
Heritage Canada grant	-	1,770
Other	12,649	18,087
	<b>788,018</b>	<b>667,074</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>PROJECT EXPENDITURES</b>		
Connecting with Canadians initiative	311,890	318,635
Connecting with Canadians overhead	32,515	24,439
International youth internship program	378,666	254,340
International youth program overhead	31,596	30,521
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>		
Federal summer students	3,745	2,968
Provincial summer students	-	4,214
Heritage Canada grant	-	1,770
Other	12,482	1,508
	<b>770,894</b>	<b>638,395</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$17,124</b>	<b>\$28,679</b>



# ACIC MEMBERS 2016-2017

## MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

AIDWATCH CANADA  
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL  
ATLANTIC CHAPTER OF CANADIAN WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN  
BREAKING THE SILENCE MARITIMES- GUATEMALA  
SOLIDARITY NETWORK  
CAMPBELL WEBSTER FOUNDATION  
CANADIAN RED CROSS  
CENTRE FOR NURSING STUDIES, INTERNATIONAL OFFICE  
CHALICE CANADA  
CHAT TO THE FUTURE INC.  
COADY INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE  
COMMUNITY FORESTS INTERNATIONAL  
CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF NEW BRUNSWICK  
COOPER INSTITUTE  
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE INTERNATIONAL  
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, GLOBAL HEALTH OFFICE  
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES DEPARTMENT  
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT  
DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE  
EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN ASSOCIATION FOR INDIGENOUS RIGHTS  
FALLS BROOK CENTRE  
FARMERS HELPING FARMERS  
GPI ATLANTIC  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS SOCIETY (IDEAS)  
INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE  
JUSTUS! DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION SOCIETY  
MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY, INTERNATIONAL CENTRE  
MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

MARINE INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL  
MIKINDURI CHILDREN OF HOPE  
MOUNT SAINT VINCENT UNIVERSITY, INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS OFFICE  
NEW BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
NOVA SCOTIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES  
NOVA SCOTIA ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK  
NOVA SCOTIA GAMBIA ASSOCIATION  
OIKOCREDIT CANADA ATLANTIC COOPERATIVE  
PASSAGES CANADA  
SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY, INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OFFICE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA, MARITIME CONFERENCE  
UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, FREDERICTON CAMPUS  
UNIVERSITY OF PEI, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE  
WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE OF CANADA  
YMCA GLOBAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE FREDERICTON

## INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATES

BOBBY THOMAS CAMERON  
CAROLYN BROWN  
CATHERINE BAILLIE ABIDI  
CATHERINE RONAHAN  
CRISTIAN SUTEANU  
DELLA WEBSTER  
DOLORES LEVANGIE  
JESSE LALONDE  
JOY HECHT  
KIMBERLEY DOUGLASS  
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SARAH MILLS  
SEAN KELLY  
TAYLOR QUINN