

CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

MISSION

THE CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IS A COALITION OF CANADIAN VOLUNTARY SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS WORKING GLOBALLY TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. CCIC SEEKS TO END GLOBAL POVERTY AND TO PROMOTE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY FOR ALL.

WHAT CCIC DOES

Established in 1968, CCIC monitors and analyzes federal policies on foreign affairs, aid, trade, debt and defence and communicates its findings to members and the public. The Council brings to the Canadian foreign policy-making arena the unique experience and knowledge of Canadian development practitioners and their Southern partners.

Working with member organizations across the country, CCIC also seeks to enable its members to engage Canadians in a collective search for development alternatives. Through its links with like-minded domestic organizations, and by participating in international networks, CCIC connects its members to civil society organizations working in common cause around the globe.

The Council also facilitates organizational learning and development among members by assisting their leaders and staff to adapt to a changing environment and changing expectations of their roles.

ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING

CCIC raises revenue from membership fees and is supported by the federal government through the Canadian International Development Agency. The Council also receives funding for special initiatives from the International Development Research Centre. A Board of Directors, elected from the membership, sets CCIC's policy direction and oversees the work of an Ottawa-based secretariat.

MEMBERS

CCIC members include approximately 100 Canadian non-profit organizations working, both in Canada and overseas, on the front lines of social justice, humanitarian aid, economic and democratic development. Among them are religious and secular development groups, professional associations, co-operatives, labour unions and groups devoted to literacy, education and youth. Their volunteers, supporters and partners live across Canada and throughout the world.

CCIC members work with co-operatives, citizens' groups and NGOs in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe to:

- improve local access to safe water, sanitation, food, shelter, education and primary health care;
- promote respect for human rights;
- press for corporate social responsibility, environmentally sustainable development and equitable distribution of global resources;
- encourage citizen participation in government policy making; and
- conduct policy research and campaign for global food security, debt relief, fair trade, child welfare, land reform and improved labour standards.

In Canada, our members work to advance public understanding of development issues and engage Canadians in the fight against global poverty.

ETHICS PROGRAM

All CCIC members must adhere to a Code of Ethics. The CCIC Code of Ethics sets out the basic ethical principles that Council members must accept and promote. Implementation of these principles is guided by operational standards. Based on a philosophy of peer accountability, members must certify compliance to CCIC following a process of self-assessment.

Member organizations receive assistance in the interpretation and application of the Code from a Guidance Document, an Ethics Review Committee and various tools promoting ethical reflection. The Ethics program's shared learning and problem-solving orientation advances a greater understanding of ethical practice within the membership.

CCIC MEMBERS

Action Canada for Population and Development • Adventist Development & Relief Agency Canada • Aga Khan Foundation Canada • Alberta Council for Global Cooperation • Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale • Atlantic Council for International Cooperation • British Columbia Council for International Cooperation • Canada World Youth • CAW Social Justice Fund • Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace • Canadian Centre for International Studies Cooperation • Canadian Co-operative Association • Canadian Crossroads International • Canadian Executive Service Organization • Canadian Federation for Sexual Health • Canadian Federation of Students • Canadian Feed the Children • Canadian Foodgrains Bank Association Inc. • Canadian Friends Service Committee • Canadian Labour Congress • Canadian Lutheran World Relief • Canadian Nurses Association • Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief • Canadian Red Cross • Canadian Rotary Committee for International Development • Canadian Society for International Health • Canadian Union of Postal Workers • Canadian Union of Public Employees • Cardinal Léger et ses Œuvres • CARE Canada • Centre for International Studies • Centre for Social Justice • CHF / Partners in Rural Development • Christian Children's Fund of Canada • Christian Reformed World Relief Committee • CoDevelopment Canada • Coady International Institute • Collaboration santé internationale • Commonwealth Games Association of Canada • Communication, Energy and Paperworks Union of Canada Humanity Fund • Cooper Institute • Council of Canadians with Disabilities • CUSO • Developing Countries Farm Radio Network • ETC Group • Frontiers Foundation Inc. • Habitat for Humanity Canada • Horizons of Friendship • IDRF (International Development and Relief Foundation) • Inter Pares • Interagency Coalition on Aids and Development • Jamaican Self-Help Organization • KAIROS – Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives • Light Up The World • Manitoba Council for International Cooperation • Marquis Project (The) • MATCH International Centre • Mennonite Central Committee (Canada) - Ottawa • MiningWatch Canada • Near East Cultural and Educational Foundation of Canada • Northern Youth Abroad • Ontario Council for International Co-operation • OXFAM Canada • OXFAM-Québec • Pacific Peoples' Partnership • Peace Brigades International - Canada • Physicians for Global Survival - Canada • Plan International Canada Inc. • Presbyterian World Service and Development • Primate's World Relief and Development Fund • Project Ploughshares • Queen's Project on International Development • Results Canada • Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation • Save the Children Canada • Sierra Club of Canada • Social Justice Fund (PSAC) • Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (The) • Steelworkers Humanity Fund • Terre Sans Frontières • The Hunger Project • The Sharing Way • TransFair Canada • UNICEF Canada • United Church of Canada • USC Canada • Victoria International Development Education Association • Voluntary Service Overseas Canada • World Federalists Movement – Canada • World Federation of Hemophilia • World Literacy of Canada • World Relief Canada • World University Service of Canada • World Vision Canada • YMCA Canada

ACTION AGAINST POVERTY

CCIC and its members share the conviction that ending poverty is a moral imperative and a practical possibility. The Council is committed to making this goal a public and a political priority and to encouraging the actions necessary to make a poverty-free world a reality.

A Canadian 10-Point Agenda for global action against poverty is the centrepiece of CCIC's work. Achieving each of these goals is necessary if poverty is to be eradicated:

1. PROMOTE WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND EQUALITY
2. PROMOTE HEALTH AND EDUCATION FOR ALL
3. PROMOTE THE RIGHT TO FOOD AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS FOR FOOD PRODUCERS
4. BUILD GLOBAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE
5. ENSURE CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY
6. PROMOTE PEACE
7. PROMOTE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
8. SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
9. BUILD A DEMOCRATIC AND EFFECTIVE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM
10. ACHIEVE MORE AND BETTER AID

WORKING GROUPS

Issues with a regional focus are addressed primarily, by CCIC, through three working groups – the Africa-Canada Forum, the Asia-Pacific Working Group and the Americas Policy Group.

AFRICA-CANADA FORUM

The Africa-Canada Forum (ACF), a CCIC working group, brings together more than 40 NGOs, churches, unions and solidarity groups from across Canada that have a specific interest in development issues and social justice in Sub-Saharan Africa. Its purpose is to improve the quality and impact of the work of participating groups through analysis of current programming relationships in Africa. In dialogue with African counterparts, the ACF seeks to improve the co-ordination of policy development and strategies for joint action.

ASIA-PACIFIC WORKING GROUP

The Asia-Pacific Working Group (APWG) is a network of more than 25 Canadian civil society organizations (CSOs) involved in human rights, democracy and development in the Asia-Pacific region. The APWG includes international development and humanitarian organizations, human rights groups, labour unions, church and solidarity groups.

The APWG seeks to consolidate a Canadian CSO voice on the Asia-Pacific region by sharing information, co-ordinating policy dialogue with the Canadian government, and building members' capacities with the aim of developing policy alternatives for Canadian engagement in the region.

AMERICAS POLICY GROUP

The Americas Policy Group (APG) is a working group of CCIC focused on development and social justice issues in the Americas. It brings together approximately 40 international development and humanitarian NGOs, human rights groups, labour unions, research institutions, church and solidarity groups. The APG's mandate is to provide a space for collective reflection and the articulation of co-ordinated policy positions, as well as dialogue with the Canadian government, other governments and other decision-making bodies.

COALITIONS

CCIC works with numerous organizations, through various coalitions (including the Canadian Food Security Policy Group, the Halifax Initiative, the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group, The Canadian Peacebuilding Co-ordinating Committee and the Trade and Investment Research Project), addressing issues such as international financial architecture, food security, peace, human rights and trade justice.

WEB SITE AND MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

WWW.CCIC.CA – CCIC's web site has news releases, policy papers, briefs to government, listings of job opportunities and links to other organizations.

AU COURANT – CCIC's e-publication is a provocative source of analysis and opinion on official development aid, foreign policy, domestic and international economic policy.

FLASH – A bi-weekly electronic bulletin contains highlights of CCIC publications, breaking news and upcoming events.

THE REALITY OF AID – This periodic review of foreign aid and international co-operation is published by the Reality of Aid Network. *The Reality of Aid* has established itself as a unique source of independent evaluation and comment on aid and development policies. CCIC writes the chapter on Canada and participates on the international management committee.

WHO'S WHO IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – This online directory of CCIC members is a veritable storehouse of information on the objectives and programs, human and financial resources, key individuals and publications of the organizations.

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