



# 2018/19 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 to build and model just, equitable and sustainable communities, locally and globally. ACIC connects leadership

across generations by strengthening members and partners, bridging dialogue and building networking and learning opportunities. ACIC also represents and amplifies the voice of Atlantic Canada and connects the Atlantic with other provincial,

## **ACIC VISION**

Leaders of tomorrow partner with leaders of today for more just, equitable and sustainable communities.

## ACIC MEMBERS 2018-19

Amnesty International Maritimes Atlantic Region of The United Church of Canada	East and Central African Association for Indigenous Rights (ECAAIR)	Nova Scotia Gambia Association
Breaking the Silence Maritimes-Guatemala Solidarity Network	Farmers Helping Farmers	Oikocredit
Campbell Webster Foundation	GPI Atlantic	ONE
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Chalice Canada	Latin American Mission Program (LAMP)	Tatamagouche Centre
Coady International Institute	Marine Institute International Memorial University, Internationalization Office	University of New Brunswick – Fredericton
Community Forests International	Mennonite Central Committee	University of PEI
Conservation Council of New Brunswick	Mikinduri Children of Hope	World Vision Canada
Cooper Institute	Mount St. Vincent University International Education Office	WUSC (World University Service of Canada)
Dalhousie University, Faculty of Agriculture International Office	New Brunswick Community College (NBCC)	Women's Network PEI
Dalhousie University, Global Health Office,	Nova Scotia Community College, Centre for International Activities	
Dalhousie University, International Research & Development	Nova Scotia Environmental Network	
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*We are very thankful to Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) for funding through their summer student program.*



# 2018 – 2019 REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR

It has been a significant year for ACIC – one of conclusions and of new beginnings. We wrapped up our Connecting with Canadians Initiative, completed our five-year strategic plan, and received funding for a new Global Affairs Canada program, which aligns with our new, vibrant strategic plan. New program places an emphasis on youth leadership as well as connections between members, partners and leaders across generations. Within this program, ACIC will also take a leadership role as host council of the Inter-Council Network (ICN). We are excited to be working with the eight provincial and regional councils to undertake this work, which consists of advocacy, capacity building, youth engagement and thought leadership.

Looking back at our accomplishments over the



**JENNIFER SLOAT**, *Executive Director*

past year, it is with great pride that we highlight some of our greatest successes and give thanks to the many partners, members, volunteers and staff that have contributed to this important work.

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In a world full of uncertainties, with challenges and calamities regularly taking place in countries like Yemen, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guatemala, and others, the work and efforts of ACIC member organizations is critical.

In such a world, ACIC and its coalition of Atlantic Canadian organizations continue to work locally and internationally together to achieve sustainable global development in a peaceful and healthy environment, with social justice, human dignity, and participation for all. Our work in promoting these important values is instrumental in creating change on a global scale, and increasing awareness about the issues that are important to Atlantic Canadians. We take this opportunity to thank all our partners and member organizations, working day and night, home and abroad, to address these challenges. We applaud you for the impact you have.

We also take this opportunity to thank the government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada, which, through its generous financial contributions, has enabled ACIC and our members to amplify our international cooperation efforts in the Atlantic region and across the globe.

Over the past year, ACIC has made great strides in our work—engaging, strengthening and connecting our members, partners, participants and communities. We have hosted a variety of membership events, learning activities



**FREDDY WANGABO**, *Board Chair*

and networking opportunities to support and strengthen our network and to build our sense of community. Our success in expanding membership has created an atmosphere of growth and continues to bring in new people and ideas.

Through the ACT 4 Global Change programs, we have supported more than 100 youth in learning and taking action on global issues. Our programs have deeply engaged youth on global issues, helped to develop their peer networks and increased their leadership skills, which in turn help them to become active global citizens.

ACIC also completed the first year of our International Internships for Indigenous Youth program (IIY), hosted in partnership with the Northern Council for Global Cooperation (NCGC), and working in a consortium with Indigenous organizations, ACIC members and overseas partners. Sixteen Indigenous youth successfully completed their internships in six countries: Costa Rica, Guyana, Kenya, Nepal, Cambodia, and Myanmar—and the impacts post-internship have been significant. Many of the interns have been actively engaged in the sector and their communities since their return, and all have acknowledged important learning and growth that have occurred as part of this experience. The second cohort are overseas from August to December 2019, and we expect to continue on a successful path with this program.

Through the Inter-Council Network (ICN), Canadian Council of International Cooperation (CCIC), Global Affairs Canada (GAC), and other stakeholders, ACIC maintained its involvement in the national and international fronts of international cooperation. As part of the ICN, we continued to advocate for changes to funding mechanisms within GAC that make it better for all civil society partners, and have begun to implement programs that support funding for small- and medium-size organizations (SMOs), including the SPUR change Program and the FIT

Program, two ICN programs led respectively by the Alberta Council and the Manitoba Council.

Finally, the board chair and executive director would like to offer a warm welcome to several new staff, who joined ACIC in the summer of 2019. These include: ICN National ICN National Coordinator Sherry Stevenson, and new ACIC staff Sam Krueger (Communications, ACIC & ICN), Lee-Anne Lavell (returning to ACIC as the Internships Program Manager), and Rachel Morgan (Youth Program Manager, filling in for Jackie Dowling on leave). These staff joined us in the summer of 2019, as well as summer interns Emma Craig (Communications Assistant) and Lindsay Vandewater (Program Support Assistant).

The successes of our programs would not have been possible without the support and dedication of ACIC's staff, volunteers, partners and members. We would like to thank them all for their dedication and hard work and hope that together we can work towards another successful year for ACIC! 🍀



# COMMUNICATIONS

**A** CIC continues to promote our own and members' events, opportunities and activities through direct email, social media and our suite of websites. We aim to tell our members' stories, profile their work, and communicate news, successes and issues in the international cooperation sector to a wider Atlantic public. In the last year, we expanded our bi-weekly e-bulletin into a monthly Newsletter, and we've been experimenting with social media platforms—expanding our engagement with youth on Instagram, for example—to facilitate online engagement. 🌱



**23,475** **ACIC-CACI.ORG**  
**USERS PER YEAR**



**3,824** **ACT4GLOBALCHANGE.CA**  
**USERS PER YEAR**



**2,141** **FOLLOWERS** with **418**  
**tweets and retweets**



**2,003** **LIKES** with a reach  
**of 21,410**



**457** **FOLLOWERS** with a  
**reach of 17,026**



**962** **E-BULLETIN**  
**SUBSCRIBERS**



## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

In February 2019, Canadians from coast to coast to coast celebrated IDW 2019, “Together for Gender Equality.” ACIC focused on building a coordinated, measurable, multi-partner week-long series of events across all four Atlantic provinces, with a focus on women’s and girls’ global empowerment. Through these efforts, we were able to foster awareness and global citizenship amongst Atlantic Canadians; and strengthen connections between organizations, furthering knowledge and resource sharing, that, in turn, led to greater impact.

Overall, the week was a huge success! There were curated book displays and events at 10 public libraries in the region, and a total of 41 events were hosted involving ACIC, members, partners, and youth ambassadors throughout the Atlantic. Each province had at least one library featuring the display with a reach of over 20,000 for the week. Over 8,700 participants attended events and over 50,000 people were reached via social media. We also had significant coverage by traditional media (newspaper) with over 67,000 people reached. 🍀



# INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

**F**unded by Global Affairs Canada and implemented by ACIC and the Northern Council for Global Cooperation—in partnership with the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, the Native Council of PEI, GPI Atlantic, and BYTE—the International Internships for Indigenous

Youth (IIY) program brings together indigenous and youth-serving organizations to empower indigenous youth in Canada as global citizens in their own communities and beyond.

Building on the collective international development expertise of our member organizations and relationships

with other Councils, we are supporting and engaging indigenous youth, particularly in two under-served areas of Canada: the Atlantic and the North. For ACIC, the partnerships with the Native Council of PEI and the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, Mi'kmaq Conservation

Group were critical, as they facilitated relationships with Indigenous groups in the Atlantic, promoted the program to potential interns, and supported youth through the application and interview process, and beyond.

The program takes a holistic approach to supporting indigenous youth in their growth

Through these internships, youth participants learned first-hand about international development issues while developing meaningful relationships with Southern partners, gaining professional development experience and building teamwork and leadership skills. A snapshot of interns' experience is of those

One intern from the program, Autum Jules, also got to attend the 2019 Women Deliver Conference in Vancouver, BC, as part of the national youth delegation supported by the ICN. Another intern, Maisyn Sock, was selected to be a part of another national youth delegation, funded by CanWach and their Women Deliver Mobilization efforts.

The program works with 5 partner organizations internationally:

- Alianza Nacional Rios y Cuencas de Costa Rica
- Kalyana Mitta Foundation
- Run for Life/ Rift Valley Resource Centre
- Rural Institute for Community Development
- Thai Volunteer Service Organization 🌱

“I like how the training was very First Nation based, for example the smudges before opening the day, working in a very open circle with no judgment, and the amount of respect that was expressed throughout the week” - **IIY Intern, response to anonymous survey**

as engaged global citizens: the program incorporates indigenous knowledge, families and community members, indigenous community organizations, and local partner organizations who work in priority development sectors in indigenous communities in the Global South.

This past year, 16 indigenous youth participated in four-month internship placements in five countries around the world.

in Kenya, who had the opportunity to work closely with traditional Indigenous knowledge-holders from Nandi and Kalenjin communities in the Rift Valley, establishing a cultural exchange for traditional knowledge and practices from their own communities in Mi'kmaq (Atlantic Canada). Interns felt the exchange enriched their understanding of their own Mi'kmaq worldviews.

# INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

## A4GC YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

This year, ACIC supported youth to host International Development Week events in their communities through the *IDW Youth Fund*. Youth could apply in groups or individually to host events in their communities during IDW. This program provided more youth with opportunities to get involved and engage their communities and peers, and to learn and share with community members.

In total there were 10 events hosted by youth across the Atlantic, one of which was a screening of the film *Girl Rising* (pictured). The total attendance from all 10 events was over 300. Youth were encouraged to cover topics through the framework of the UN Sustainable Development Goals; event topics included reducing waste and hunger, a Go Abroad Fair, a True Colours event in 2SLGBTQ+ at home and away, gender equality, and more. 🌱



“ I conducted a final reflection, collecting feedback from the 30+ participants who attended my workshop. The majority said that they are more apt to take action, locally and globally, whilst others felt the same in terms of taking action. One participant left a note, saying that she loved the workshop so much and that we should have a day at school just focused on the UN SDGs and Gender Equality, as a 2-hr long workshop was too short!

**- IDW Youth  
Fund recipient**

“ I received so much praise and gratitude for bringing an event to engage like-minded youth to discuss and express their thoughts on the SDGs and Gender Equality that I am thinking of doing something next year for International Women's' Day 2020!

**- IDW Youth  
Fund recipient  
(event held in  
Wolfville, NS)**

# INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY



**A** CIC was invited to partner with the NS government (Communities, Culture and Heritage Department), who has hosted a reception at the NS Legislature (Province House) over the past number of years to mark UN International Volunteer Day. This event, held on December 5th, celebrated volunteerism and the contributions of volunteers in Nova Scotia and around the world, and paid special tribute to youth's participation in making a difference locally, nationally and globally. ACIC board member, John Cameron,

emceed the event, and ACIC invited past youth participant, Chantal Peng, to be the keynote speaker. Ms. Peng spoke passionately about impact ACIC's programming has had on her growth and learning and gave an engaging call to action

around the SDGs.

Chantal Peng is a prime example of an outstanding youth volunteer. She first engaged with ACIC through our ACT 4 Global Change Ambassador program as the Nova Scotia Ambassador. She then went on to attend the ACT 4 Global Change conference as a participant the next year, and a conference facilitator the following year, hosting a workshop on Gender Equality. After she represented ACIC on International Volunteer Day as a guest speaker at Province House, she facilitated a Youth for Gender Equality (YGE) workshop, another program in which ACIC is partnering. 🌱

“ I consider those opportunities as the stepping stones I needed to gain the confidence and thoughtfulness to become an insightful leader amongst my peers and community members. Since ACIC's programs are dispersed across Atlantic Canada, it gave me the invaluable and rare opportunity to connect with like-minded youth who are determined to better not only our lives, but also those around us. - **Chantal Peng**



# ACT 4 GLOBAL CHANGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

**T**he A4GC conference is a place for youth to learn through both skills-based and issues-based workshops, group activities, one-on-one time, group conversations and dialogues, and much more. The 2018 Conference took place over 3 nights and 4 days, from November 9-12th, and featured speakers and workshops from

our membership and wider network. A new initiative in 2018 was to offer two youth the opportunity to act as the Conference's photographer and videographer, in lieu of hiring a professional. This was a huge success with the youth who participated and will carry forward into future programming.

Some of the workshops and facilitators were: “Change the Birth Story” (Plan Canada); “Radical Justice” (Dalhousie Student Union); “Tobacco Tie Teaching” (Dalhousie Elders in Residence); “What are the SDGs?” (ACIC staff and conference volunteers); “Restorative Panel on migrant and refugee realities” (Breaking the Silence Maritimes-Guatemala, conference participants and local refugee sponsor family); and many more!

It was important to ACIC that efforts were made to recruit youth who traditionally face barriers in their communities for various systemic and social reasons. Through partnerships in recruitment, with new and existing partners, enrollment at the conference was approximately 65% youth who identify as Immigrants, Refugees, Newcomers or Indigenous.

Another objective of the program was to engage youth in ACIC projects after the conference was complete. Given

that 5 events for International Development Week, 4 Youth for Gender Equality dialogues (an initiative of Plan Canada and the Canadian Teachers Federation in which ACIC works in partnership; see next page) and 3 roundtables on the Sustainable Development Goals were all held or attended by youth who attended the conference, we feel this objective was achieved.

*ACIC thanks the NS provincial department of Communities, Culture and Heritage for funding for our youth digital storytellers program. Through the program, two conference participants acted as photographer and videographer to document the weekend's activities. 📸*

“ *But in all honesty, I made close friends with the people at the conference, even if we only got to see each other for a few days. I learned from mistakes I made as a videographer and an interviewer, I learned how to be more independent as a filmmaker and as a person, and I learned how to conduct myself professionally in film for the first time.*

**- Youth Conference Digital Storyteller**



# YOUTH FOR GENDER EQUALITY INITIATIVE

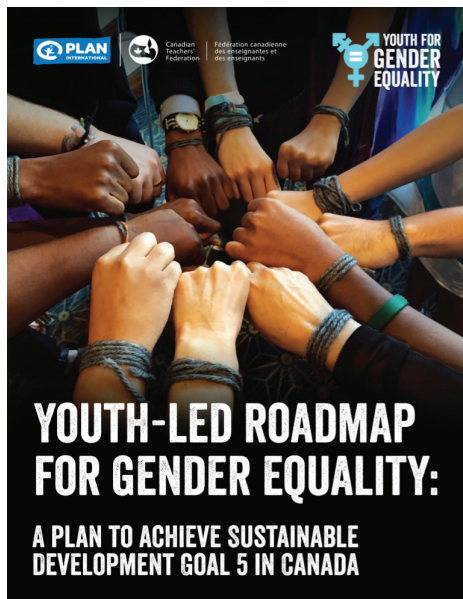
**A** CIC is a primary partner in a Plan International Canada and Canadian Teachers' Federation led initiative, Youth for Gender Equality (YGE), that seeks to see Canada and global political leaders deliver tangible, new initiatives to achieve the gender equality goal and targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In 2018, one ACIC youth ambassador (from St. John's, NL), Katherine Dibbon, was selected to attend the first YGE writer's conference in Ottawa and, in addition, was selected as one of the four conference participants to speak on a Gender Equality panel at the Y7 Youth Summit in advance of the 2018 G7.

In 2019, ACIC was thrilled to see the launch of the *Youth-Led Roadmap for Gender Equality* by partner Plan International Canada at the Women Deliver conference. ACIC staff sat on the steering committee of this project over the last two years, and the release of a project that highlights marginalized youth voices and contributions towards UN Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality, is a resounding success for youth, Atlantic Canadians, and families, communities, governments and workplaces across Canada.

The *Roadmap*, which includes 20 actionable

recommendations that range from upping diversity and inclusivity in education, to teaching comprehensive sex-ed and supporting sexual and reproductive rights, reflects the national dialogue contributions of more than 350 youth aged 14-24 committed to social justice and gender equality. 🌱



# MEMBERS' PE FUND

The Members' Public Engagement Fund is open to all ACIC members and supports small public engagement projects through a competitive RFP process. The call for proposals was launched in the summer of 2018 and a total of 5 applications were received and assessed by a peer review committee composed of past recipients of the fund, ACIC board or committee members and ACIC staff. Four of the five projects were funded, and each achieved significant results with a small amount of money (the fund covers up to \$1500 in project costs). The successful projects included the following:

## **St. Mary's University,**

Food Trade Game

## **Nova Scotia Environmental Network,**

Public Forum on Tidal Power in the Bay of Fundy

**Breaking the Silence,** Justice for the 56 Girls: Art Exhibit and Speaking Tour

## **Dalhousie Agricultural Campus International Office,** Facing Climate Change in Rural Communities – A Global Conversation

The four projects directly engaged 1,734 Atlantic Canadians and over 100,000 people engaged via website and social media posts, and traditional media interviews (newspaper). The events took place in a total of 5 towns in 3 provinces.

We'd like to thank our members, partners and those who participated on the selection panel for making this program a success! 🍀



Indira Jarissa Pellicó Orellana, age 17  
Artist: Claudia Navarro (México)



# TRAINING ACTIVITIES



**A** CIC members and other stakeholders in the four Atlantic Provinces had several opportunities to strengthen their ability to contribute to international cooperation over the past year. Our capacity building workshops use a peer learning concept, seeking to highlight the expertise present within the region, and to build new relationships around learning within our membership. This

year we engaged a total of 189 organizations and individuals in these training sessions and 73% of participants perceived an improvement in skills.

We hosted The Third Side – *Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution* in New Brunswick facilitated by ACIC's ED using her experience and skills from her time in Thailand. *Conflict Transformation* training was provided to NS Members, non-profits and government

workers through the expertise of consultant Steve Law, and *Exploring Conflict Through a Cultural Lens* was facilitated in NL by Willow Anderson. ACIC Staff also provided workshops at the Atlantic Summer Institute and Girls Conference, which enabled us to build capacity in collaboration with ACIC member organizations.

At the 2018 Annual General Meeting & Symposium, 7 training opportunities were provided. Panels discussed themes around *Walking Together: Steps for Organizational Change*, and *Cry of the Loon*, a play that focuses on reconciliation.

Overall, post-conference and workshop evaluations demonstrate that an overwhelming majority of participants have a high level of satisfaction with ACIC's capacity building workshops and perceive an improvement in skills. 🍀



## NETWORKING

Over this past year, we hosted 14 provincial networking events engaging a total of 244 individuals. Maintaining a provincial coordinator in PEI, as well as two provincial contractors in NB and NL for IDW work, increased support and energy for networking events in all four Atlantic provinces. As in the past, we used a variety of formats to bring members together: Development Drinks, Member Mingles, Networking Breakfasts, and Lunch and Learns. These all happened in addition to the networking opportunities created through our Together 2018 satellite event, IDW networking event, and Symposium in Charlottetown, PEI.

These were great opportunities for members to get to know each other's work, and to introduce potential members to ACIC's and members' programs. Multiple member survey respondents mentioned 'networking' as one of ACIC's strengths, and it was listed as the most useful part of being a member of ACIC, followed closely by sharing information & resources and knowledge of what other organizations are up to. 📍



# WOMEN DELIVER 2019 CONFERENCE

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Fatima Beydoun and Nevena Vucetic, ICN youth delegates.

# PARTICIPATION IN HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS

## UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

This past year, ACIC's Executive Director, Jennifer Sloot, participated in events at the national and international level, including the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63) in March 2019. Every year, representatives of Member States, United Nations entities and non-governmental organizations gather at United Nations Headquarters in New York for the Commission's annual session. The session provides an opportunity to review progress towards gender equality and the empowerment of women, identify challenges, set global standards and norms and formulate policies to promote gender equality and women's empowerment worldwide.

Through participation in CSW63, ACIC was able to access new relationships, resources and opportunities to promote the SDG # 5 with our membership and others. Jennifer traveled alongside the team from the British Columbia Council for International Cooperation, strengthening the relationship between the two Councils from opposite sides of the country.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN DELIVER 2019

The International Women Deliver 2019 Conference took place from 3-6 June 2019 in Vancouver, British Columbia. With the theme "Power, Progress, Change" it was one of the world's largest conferences focused on gender equality and the health, rights and well-being of girls and women in the 21st century.

ACIC attended the conference alongside several youth delegates from the ICN delegation, the CanWach youth delegation, and a youth delegation supported through the YGE Program. Youth from Atlantic Canada included Fatima Beydoun and Nevena Vucetic, Maisyn Sock and a number of youth within the YGE program. Many of the youth have continued to connect with ACIC and to plan post-conference PE events to share their experiences with youth at home. 🌱



# SECTOR LEADERSHIP

**T**he Inter-Council Network (ICN) is a coalition of the eight Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation. The ICN provides a national forum in which the Councils collaborate for improved effectiveness and identify common priorities for collective action.

## FUNDING FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ORGANIZATIONS

In May 2017, the Honorable Marie-Claude Bibeau, then Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, announced \$100M for small and medium organizations (SMOs), which in part came about through the advocacy efforts of the ICN. Over the past year, the ICN has worked closely with GAC to support the roll out of the fund. It has been divided into three components: a Development Impact Window, which Global Affairs Canada manages; *SPUR Change*, a Knowledge and Capacity Program, which the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) is leading on behalf of the ICN; and a Fund for Innovation and Transformation (FIT), which the Manitoba Council For International Cooperation (MCIC) is leading, also on behalf of the ICN.

## FUND FOR INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION (FIT)

**M**IC signed a contribution agreement with Global Affairs in December 2018 to manage the FIT program on behalf of the ICN, which

will provide funding to small and medium-sized organizations (SMO) to test innovative solutions to development challenges that will improve the lives of women and girls in the Global South. FIT will also provide a platform for knowledge-sharing and learning that is accessible to all organizations, including those who do not receive funding from FIT.

## SPUR CHANGE KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAM (SPUR)

**T**he *SPUR Change* program, led by ACGC on behalf of the ICN, is a 5-year initiative aiming to increase the effectiveness of Canadian small and medium organizations to deliver sustainable results in support of the Feminist International Assistance Policy and the Sustainable Development Goals. The main outcomes of the program are to increase the engagement of Canadian small and medium sized organizations in international development and increase the engagement of Canadians, particularly youth, as global citizens.

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## CAPACITY BUILDING/ WEBINARS

The ICN directly and actively engaged members and youth from coast to coast to coast through its capacity building programming (the online course, Hive Mind, and national webinars), and through civil society and youth delegations. ICN national webinars on timely and pertinent topics in international cooperation, often hosted in collaboration with other networks or Council member organizations, have proven to be effective and accessible tools for building the capacity of organizations in the sector. 🌱

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS FUNDING PROGRAM

In the Spring of 2019, ACIC received funding from the Government of Canada's Sustainable Development Goals Unit to carry out a series of roundtables with youth and youth-serving organizations to provide information and resources to increase awareness about the SDGs, and gather input on how we can best engage youth in the Agenda 2030. In all, 113 participants from 16 round tables provided valuable feedback on the SDGs. This information culminated in the publication *Your Voice Matters: Engaging Canadian Youth on the Sustainable Development Goals*, which provides recommendations on youth public engagement on sustainable development issues and resources for youth and youth educators.

The funding also went towards a Global Goals Video Contest, where youth were provided the opportunity to share with a wider audience how they would like to see Canada and Canadian youth address the SDGs. Youth aged 14-24 participated in the contest, with one winner from each of two age groups (14-17; 18-24) being selected by an ad hoc contest committee of staff and former youth participants. 🌱



# SYMPOSIUM



**A** CIC hosted a very successful 2018 AGM & Symposium in Charlottetown, PEI, called “Walking Together for a Sustainable Future”, which supported several capacity-building and networking activities, including panel discussions, workshops, a plenary and keynote events. The event drew 47 participants, including ACIC members, students, funders and guests from the global south. Evaluations of the event were extremely positive. A highlight for symposium participants was the theatrical presentation of

the play, *Cry of the Loon*. This play, a comedic drama in one act, examined the hollowness of an official - even if sincere - apology for the Canadian government’s mistreatment of Indigenous peoples. Participants felt the play was a creative way to explore important topics of discussion and was a great addition to the symposium schedule. 🌱

“I think that our keynote speaker, Sheila Watt-Cloutier, did an excellent job setting the tone for the weekend and highlighting challenges at hand, not just in the Arctic.”

**- Symposium evaluation respondent**



# SOUTHERN THESPEAKERS SYMPOSIUM FUND

The purpose of the Southern Speakers Symposium Fund is to provide opportunities for Southern partners to dialogue with Atlantic Canadians on issues and demonstrate the impact of efforts in international cooperation. ACIC provides funds to support the travel of an international partner to attend our annual symposium.

The fourth recipient of the fund was Sandra Moran, an Indigenous woman from Guatemala, who is the first feminist and first openly gay Member of Congress in Guatemala. Sandra attended her host organization's AGM (ACIC member group Breaking the Silence) and toured throughout the Maritimes, stopping in 6 communities and connecting with 165 people. Sandra energized audiences with her drumming, and her moving performance of spoken word poetry. She also presented the powerful documentary *In My Own Voice*, which weaves



together her story with Guatemala's history.

Audiences also heard updates about the current political and social situation in Guatemala. These updates allowed participants to make connections between the struggles in Canada and Guatemala for Indigenous rights, structural inequalities

associated with access to wealth and natural resources, and the necessity of exploring collaborative responses to these issues. Sandra also connected with members she met over 30 years ago during a musical tour she was part of in the 1980s! 🍀

# SHIRLEY CASE LEADERSHIP AWARD

**T**he 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.

The Shirley Case Leadership Award for Global Citizenship has 4 objectives:

- To officially recognize leaders in Atlantic Canada that are actively involved as global citizens;
- To draw public attention to the full scope of global citizenship and engagement activities;
- To inspire individuals to continue their involvement in the international cooperation movement; and
- To honour the memory of Shirley Case, who was killed in Afghanistan on August 13, 2008 while working with the International Rescue Committee (Shirley had been an intern with ACIC in 2004/05 through the IYIP program)

This year's Shirley Case Leadership Award was awarded to Ted Grant, the co-founder and President of Mikinduri Children of Hope (MCOH). Ted, the 10th recipient of the Award, talked about



his decades of work with those in PEI and Kenya as the co-founder and president of MCOH, a Prince Edward Island non-profit organization with a mandate to help relieve the effects of poverty in Kenya by working with local leaders, churches, government agencies, and international partners to provide appropriate resources and knowledge to the people of Kenya, in order that they may sustainably help themselves. 🍀

# ACIC BOARD COMMITTEES

ACIC members and board members play a key role in supporting ACIC's work through our committee work. We would like to extend our thanks to the follow individuals and organizations for their support.

## **Governance Committee**

(Chair) Nick Scott, Freddy Wangabo Mwenengabo, Jennifer Sloot

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## **Risk Committee**

(Chair) Laura Hunter, Nick Scott, Scott Smith, Jackie Dowling, Jennifer Sloot



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

MARCH 31, 2019

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	<b>\$267,339</b>	\$139,592
Accounts receivable	<b>3,804</b>	771
Harmonized sales tax receivable	<b>30,746</b>	19,816
Prepaid expenses	<b>400</b>	-
	<b>\$302,289</b>	<b>\$160,179</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<b>\$27,887</b>	\$12,134
Employee deductions payable	<b>6,422</b>	3,850
Deferred revenue (Note 3)	<b>91,251</b>	-
	<b>\$125,560</b>	\$15,984
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted new assets	<b>\$75,945</b>	\$44,839
Internally restricted net assets (Note 4)	<b>100,784</b>	99,356
	<b>\$176,729</b>	<b>\$144,195</b>

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

## YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019

	2019	2018
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<b>Project revenue</b>	<b>\$340,334</b>	\$351,595
Connecting with Canadians initiative	<b>372,657</b>	-
International Internships for Indigenous Youth	<b>10,804</b>	-
Youth Engagement on Sustainable Development Goals	<b>5,800</b>	-
Diversity and Community capacity building fund		
<b>Other revenue</b>	<b>5,522</b>	4,236
Federal summer student grant	<b>17,155</b>	11,681
Other	<b>\$752,272</b>	<b>\$367,512</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>Project expenditures</b>	<b>331,756</b>	349,220
Connecting with Canadians initiative	<b>364,267</b>	-
International Internships for Indigenous Youth	<b>10,804</b>	-
Youth Engagement on Sustainable Development Goals	<b>5,800</b>	-
Diversity and Community capacity building fund		
<b>Other expenditures</b>	<b>5,522</b>	4,236
Federal summer students	<b>1,589</b>	25,129
Other	<b>719,728</b>	<b>378,585</b>