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1. COLLECTIVE WORK OF THE REGIONAL WORKING GROUPS: POLICY & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

1.1 Government relations & policy advocacy

- Ongoing dialogues and consultations with the regional branches at Global Affairs Canada, in particular the Sub-Saharan Africa Branch and its Pan-Africa Bureau; the Americas Branch and its North America, Central America, Latin America & Caribbean Bureaux; and the Asia-Pacific Branch and its Southeast Asia bureau. As well, briefing meetings with Canadian diplomatic representatives in **Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru & Bolivia, and Philippines**;
- Ongoing facilitation of the RWG's perspective to Global Affairs Canada ongoing consultation on its “**Voices at Risk – Canada's Guidelines on Supporting Human Rights Defenders**”;
- August 2018 | Supported the launch of the training manual “**Implementing a Human Rights -Based Approach**” with CCIC and Equitas.

1.2 Sector wide campaign

- Ongoing representation on behalf of CCIC and active support of the **Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability** and the campaign calling for the creation of an independent human rights Ombudsperson for Canada's international extractive sector.



HRBA TRAINING MANUAL

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1.3 Coalition collaboration

- April 2018 | Supported the **Women Resisting Extractivism International Gathering** in Montreal. Along many *RWG members*, *45 land defenders from over 20 countries* spoke truth to power and strategized on global resistance;



- Fall 2018 | Collaborated with **AQOCI** on three regional forums on **Latin America, Africa and Haiti** to enhance greater coordination amongst members;
- December 2018 | Supported the “Women of Courage Speak Out for Peace” delegation led by KAIROS, during the *16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence*, which brought forward the voice of inspiring and courageous women from **South Sudan, Palestine, Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia and the Philippines**.

2. AFRICA-CANADA FORUM (ACF)

2.1 Academic collaborations & learning activities

- September 2018 | Co-hosted the panel “*Challenging Africa’s Perceptions: A Feminist Perspective*” at the CCIC Annual conference with national and international speakers and journalists, and with the support of the CASID-CCIC Next Generation for collaboration and MATCH International Women’s Fund. Tackling these pressing questions were panelists Theo Sowa of the African Women’s Development fund, Gisèle Baraka Bashige, journalist and program officer at Associations des Femmes des Médias (AFEM-RDC), and Ketty Nivyabandi of the Nobel Women’s Initiative. Moderating the panel was Radio-Canada’s correspondent for Africa, Sophie Langlois;
- September 2018 | Co-organized the **South Sudan Co-Lab**, a pilot project between the ACF and Global Affairs Canada’s South Sudan



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development branch. This interactive, full-day pilot “Co-Lab” was designed to facilitate a country-focused bilateral dialogue between government and civil society. In total, 9 ACF members participated and GAC staff from across the Sub-Saharan Africa branch, mainly from the International



Security and Political Affairs, Global Issues and Development branches. Participants exchanged their experiences on Canada’s collective response to the challenges in **South Sudan** from both a government and civil society perspective. [Read more here.](#)



“*You are great at CCIC. Thank you very much for your essential coordination work.*”

Stéphane Vinhas (Development and Peace / Développement et Paix)

2.2 Member-led Annual Meeting

- December 2018 | Organized an Annual General Meeting for ACF members with strategic discussions on policy and advocacy; key presentations focused on the situation of Human Rights defenders, in particular the rise of attacks targeting feminists and LGBTQI+ communities in Africa; and on the challenges in the field and at home of working in fragile and conflict-affected contexts. In total, **49** people participated from **34** organizations.



2.3 Government relations & policy advocacy

- December 2018 | Organized the highly successful **Joint Dialogue between the Africa-Canada Forum Dialogue with Global Affairs Canada** with the participation of over **90** people, including **45 ACF members**.

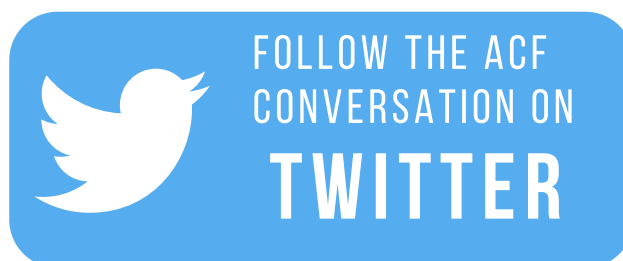


The dialogue included key note presentations by Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Andrew Leslie, and by Leslie Norton, Assistant Deputy Minister of GAC's Sub-Saharan Africa branch on



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Trends, Opportunities and Challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa. This event is part of a series of dialogue meetings between the two groups that began in December 2015. The main goal of these exchanges is to create a space where ACF and GAC can discuss and collaborate on issues related to Africa, leveraging expertise on both sides. A joint ACF-GAC report was published following the dialogue. **Download the report here.**



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3. ACF MEMBERS 2018 – 2019

The ACF has 42 members

Africa Study Group (ASG)
Aga Khan Foundation Canada
Avocats sans frontières Canada (ASFC)
Canadian Feed the Children
Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFB)
Canadian Jesuits International
Canadian Labour Congress - CLC
CARE Canada
CECI - Centre d'étude et de coopération internationale

CELADA - Coalition for Equitable Land Acquisitions and Development in Africa
Centre de coopération internationale en santé et développement (CCISD)
CODE
Crossroads International
Cuso International
Development and Peace
Equitas - International Centre for Human Rights - Education
Farm Radio International
Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec - FTQ
Grandmother's Advocacy Network (GRAN)
Humanité & Inclusion
Humber College
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Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development
(ICAD)

Jane Goodall Institute of Canada (JGI)

KAIROS Canada

Leger Foundation

Nobel Women's Initiative

Oxfam Québec

Presbyterian World Service and Development
(PWS&D)

Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC)

Right to Play

Rooftops Canada

SACO-CESO

SUCO

UNIFOR

United Church of Canada

USC Canada

Veterinarians Without Borders

WaterAid Canada

World University Service of Canada (WUSC)

World Vision Canada

4. ACF COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs

Wendy Gichuru (United Church of Canada)

Raphael Yimga Tatchi (Développement et Paix)

Treasurer

Hila Oylan (CODE)

Members at large

Yilma Gary (Handicap International)

Carole Leacock (World Vision)

5. RWG TEAM

Staff

Sebastián Vielmas
Regional Working Groups Officer

Laura Avalos
Regional Working Groups Program Assistant

Volunteers

Ben Powless, Emilie Sing and Sonja Mahaillet

Interns

Luanda Lima (Experica 2.0 program) and
Natalia Gonçalves (Michaëlle Jean Centre for
Global and Community Engagement, University of
Ottawa)



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6. FINANCES

BUDGET 2018-2019 & ACTUALS

INCOME	ACTUALS 2016-2017	ACTUALS 2017-2018	APPROVED 2018-2019	ACTUALS 03.31.2019
Membership contributions WGs	24,266.00	31,606.66	33,500.00	34,177.00
Membership fees	-	2,898.95	-	-
CCIC contribution	8,903.32	-	500.00	500.00
IDRC-CRDI contribution	1,742.00	6,415.00	6,607.00	5,094.56
Registration fee	1,700.00	2,620.00	2,750.00	3,420.00
Special contributions (e.g. special events, travel guest speaker, interpretation)	1,083.00	-	-	-
CCIC contribution in Kind (Rent)	-	-	-	1,640.00
Carry forward WGs	15,372.00	-	-	67.00
Total income	\$53,066.32	\$43,540.61	\$43,357.00	\$44,898.56

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EXPENSES	ACTUALS 2016-2017	ACTUALS 2017-2018	APPROVED 2018-2019	ACTUALS 03.31.2019
Salary and benefits (RWG Officer and RWG Assistant)	42,800.00	41,205.92	41,501.00	35,962.82
Consultant	1,160.00	51.60	50.00	67.63
Postage and photocopy	179.18	181.06	150.00	125.85
Supplies	141.88	23.56	-	47.00
Bank charges & fees	89.06	41.74	42.00	76.84
Communication (tel-fax-web)	368.79	163.13	-	183.70
Software/ computer purchase	71.29	-	-	-
Translation and interpretation	2,215.00	427.18	200.00	217.08
Meeting expenses (venue rental, food)	1,427.14	1,275.42	1,000.00	274.25
Travel staff	818.99	112.26	-	36.32
Travel participants/ volunteers	-	58.74	-	-
Travel (guest speakers) and special events (venue & food)	3,746.77	-	-	-
Recruitment	17.99	-	-	-
Rent	-	-	-	1,640.00
Other expenses	30.11	-	-	-
Total expenses	\$53,066.20	\$43,540.61	\$42,943.00	\$38,631.49
Deferred revenue to next fiscal year (surplus/deficit)	\$0.12	-	\$414.00	\$6,267.07