

Centre for Global Development Report
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Lead Associate: Edward Akuffo



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A. Purpose

The Centre's vision is to work collaboratively and extend the practice of community development beyond the Fraser Valley region into the global context. To this end, the CGD promotes and encourages research and programs on sustainable human and community development in order to facilitate positive change.

In concert with Canada's development priorities, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and international human rights standards, the Centre focuses on these key areas:

1. Good governance, peace, justice and strong institutions
2. Children and development
3. Environmental sustainability
4. Education and Training
5. Food Security

B. Membership and Governance

The Centre for Global Development is managed by the lead associate and the management committee comprised of one associate of the CGD and an external member which provides oversight to ensure transparency and accountability. The lead associate is appointed by the AVP Research, Engagement and Graduate Studies. The management committee provides advice and guidance on the CGD's activities, programs, strategic planning and plans for seeking funding for research activities. Associates of the CGD are UFV faculty and staff who are committed to teaching and research in the area of development in both the local and global contexts.

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Associates: Prof. Garry Fehr, Prof. Satwinder Bains, Prof. Yvon Dandurand, Prof. Cherie Enns, Prof. Ding Lu, Prof. Hayli Millar, Prof. Stephen Piper, Prof. Gayle Ramsden, Mr. John Potts

Management Committee: Prof. Edward Akuffo, Prof. Stephen Piper, Prof. Steven Schroeder

C. Partnerships

1. Centre for Indo Canadian Studies (UFV)

2. Centre for Rural Research and Industrial Development (India)
3. Panjab University (India)
4. Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (Ottawa)
5. Centre for Criminal Law and Criminology
6. The World Scout Bureau – African Regional Office (Kenya)
7. Institute of Human Settlements at Ardhi University (Tanzania)
8. Developing Indigenous Resources (India)
9. Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (Delhi-Calgary)
10. Radford University College (Ghana)
11. Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (Kenya)
12. Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation (Sri Lanka)
13. University of Ruhuna (Sri Lanka)
14. UFV International Development Student Club
15. Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (China)
16. East Asian Institute (Singapore)
17. Aga Khan University – East Africa Institute (Nairobi)
18. UN Habitat (Nairobi)
19. UNOPS(Nairobi)
20. University of Nairobi

UFV Geography/GDS, Ardhi Regional University (Tanzania) and Aga Khan University East Africa Institute (AKU) (Internship Program) with funding by QES, Universities Canada.

D. Students

Nothing to report

E. Activities of the Centre

1. CGD in partnership with other departments, primarily the department of political science, held the fourth edition of the Politalk Roundtable Series on January 31, 2018 to discuss one year of Donald Trump’s presidency. The university community and the larger public participated in this event. CGD is very grateful for the support it received from the UFV Research Office and the Office of the Dean of College of Arts.
2. Edward Akuffo was invited to a workshop on Canada’s re-engagement with peace operations in Africa in October 2017. He presented a paper titled “Canada’s *new pledges toward Africa: Closing capability gap in peace operations*”. The workshop was organized by The Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, the Centre for the Study of Security & Development (CSSD), both at Dalhousie University, and the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KA IPTC) in Accra, Ghana. It was sponsored by the Defence Engagement Program of Canada’s Department of National Defence and held at KA IPTC, Accra, Ghana (October 23-24, 2017)

F. Funding received

Nothing to report

G. Research completed during the reporting period

Edward Akuffo has completed the first phase of field work in Ottawa on his research project titled “Triangular Relationship: African Union-NATO Cooperation and Canada’s Security Policy in Africa”. The project is funded by the UFV Research Office.

H. Publications, Presentations, and Reports

Nothing to report

I. Plans for the coming year

The Associates of the center will be strongly encouraged to generate several research proposals and expand the scope of the center’s activities. Potential external funding agencies include Global Affairs Canada, SSHRC, IDRC and other local sources.

The activities that have been planned include but not limited to the following:

1. Edward Akuffo will reapply for a SSHRC Insight Grant in October 2018. Dr. Akuffo’s research focuses on Canada’s bilateral and multilateral security strategy in Africa.
2. A Fifth edition of Politalk Roundtable Series in fall 2018. The tentative title for the discussion is “Big Question: Thinking about a new world order in the era of human movement?”