

## Centre for Global Development (CGD)

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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.

Lead Associate: Prof. Edward Akuffo

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

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

### C. Partnerships

1. South Asian Studies Institute (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, held the fifth edition of Politalk Roundtable Series on October 9, 2018 on the theme *Road to a Fairer and Peaceful World, Legacy of Kofi Annan, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations*. The event focused on the celebration of life and the achievements of the late former United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan. The panel discussion was made up of Dr. Valerie Yankey-Wayne, Consultant, United Nations and European Union (New York and Brussels), Prof. Edward Akuffo, Department of Political Science, UFV, and Prof. Emeritus Yvon Dundurand, Department of Criminology, UFV.
2. CGD welcomed UFV Prof. Emeritus Ding Lu to its sixth edition of Politalk Roundtable Series on April 10, 2019. Prof. Lu presented on the topic *China in the Global Economy*. Among other things, Prof. Lu's talk addressed these questions: first, how rapidly has China risen to become a global economic power? Second, what opportunities and challenges has China's rise brought to the world? Third, what do these opportunities and challenges mean to Canada? Prof. Lu was a faculty member in the department of economics at UFV and an associate of CGD.

We had very good attendance at both of these events. CGD is very grateful for the continuing support of the UFV Research Office and the Office of the Dean of College of Arts.

#### F. Funding

Nothing to report

#### G. Research

Prof. Edward Akuffo was invited to submit a chapter for the *Palgrave Handbook in Canada in International Affairs*, edited by Robert Murray and Paul Gecelovsky. This is Palgrave's first ever handbook on Canadian foreign policy. His chapter is titled: "Morality as Organizing Principle: Making sense of Canada-Africa Relations". The book is currently going through a peer review process.

#### H. Publications, Presentations, and Reports

Nothing to report

## I. Plans for the coming year

The Lead Associate, Prof. Edward Akuffo, is working with Jessica Harris of Gender Matters Inc., a local Consultancy firm in Aldergrove, on collaborating research projects. They have submitted a concept note titled “Developing Youth Gender and Development Practitioners” to Global Affairs Canada. Should it be approved, the project will focus on three countries: Ghana, Kenya, and Tanzania. Jessica is a Gender Specialist and has worked for the governments of Canada and the United States, and several international organizations. She has applied to be an associate of CGD and we hope her application will be approved to help facilitate the anticipated research collaborations.

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 are not limited to the following:

- Prof. Edward Akuffo is part of the Mentorship Programme established by UFV Director of Research, Jerri-Lynne Cameron, to prepare faculty for grant applications. Edward will re-apply for a SSHRC Insight Grant in October 2019. His research focuses on Canada’s bilateral and multilateral security strategy in Africa.
- The seventh edition of the Politalk Roundtable Series will be held in the course of the 2019/20 academic year

