

Centre for Global Development (CGD) Report

September 2019- May 2020

The purpose/objectives/goals of the Centre/Institute

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

Membership and governance of the Centre

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. Cherie Enns, Prof. Satwinder Bains, Prof. Garry Fehr, Prof. Hayli Millar, Prof. Stephen Piper, Prof. Catherine Smith, Prof. Darrell, Prof Stefania Pizzirani, Prof. Jessica Price

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

Significant partnerships

- Centre for Indo Canadian Studies (UFV)
- Centre for Rural Research and Industrial Development (India)
- Panjab University (India)

- Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (Ottawa)
- Centre for Criminal Law and Criminology
- The World Scout Bureau – African Regional Office (Kenya)
- Institute of Human Settlements at Ardhi University (Tanzania)
- Developing Indigenous Resources (India)
- Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (Delhi-Calgary)
- Radford University College (Ghana)
- Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (Kenya)
- Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation (Sri Lanka)
- University of Ruhuna (Sri Lanka)
- UFV International Development Student Club
- Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (China)
- East Asian Institute (Singapore)
- Aga Khan University – East Africa Institute (Nairobi)
- UN Habitat (Nairobi)
- UNOPS(Nairobi)
- University of Nairobi

Students Participation

- Under the Fraser Valley East African Internship Program which is funded by the Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships, one student was sent to Nairobi, Kenya for the fall semester, 2019. In addition four students participated in internships throughout the winter semester. Two students went to Dares Salaam, Tanzania and two went to Chandigarh, India. <https://ufveastfricainternships.com/>. The program is managed by Prof. Cherie Enns.

Relevance of activities to the community

- CGD organized a visual Politalk Roundtable panel discussion on the Covid-19 Pandemic on June 17, 2020. The panelist discussed and answered questions on i Health Equity, race and ethnicity, governance, food security, city policy, and international security. The speakers were: Linda Dempster, VP Patient Experience, Fraser Health; Prof. Dzifa Dordunoo, University of Victoria; Chief David Jimmie, Squiala First Nation; Prof. Jessica Price, Prof. Cherie Enns, Prof. Hayli Millar, Valley Prof. Catherine Smith, Prof. Edward Akuffo (University of the Fraser Valley and CGD Associates), UFV President, Dr. Joanne MacLean gave the opening remarks and Prof. Satwinder Bains moderated the event. 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.

- An Urban Planning Studio in the Makadara Sub-County was held in Nairobi, Kenya in partnership with the University of Nairobi and University of the Fraser Valley Urban planning Studio team through the Global Community Lab as a demonstration of Tactical Urbanism <https://globalcommunitylab.ca/blog-feed/>
- An event held at the university which explored the ethics of engaging in internships featuring a distinguished and diverse group of panelist from across the globe. (Fall 2019)
- An event regarding conflict, refugees and children was also organized, but unfortunately had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic

Funding received

- The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute funded the “Children and the City” project. The institute is a non-profit organization with a mission to improve the quality of life of the people of Canada and India by building and strengthening intellectual and cultural linkages through research, dialogue and exchange between the two countries.

Research completed during the reporting period

Edward Akuffo’s sabbatical research, *Beyond Peacekeeping Operations: A Study of Canada’s Support for Security Governance in West Africa* has been disrupted by the Covid-19 Global Pandemic.

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:

- Prof. Edward Akuffo will apply for SSHRC Insight Grant in October 2020.
- Prof. Cherie Enns is the UFV lead-related to the Waterloo/Laurier Mifood Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) submission
- A Politalk Roundtable Series is being planned for fall 2020. The discussions will focus on the Covid-19 Pandemic and will have a global reach and draw on the expertise of international speakers.
- We plan to embark on membership drive. This year Professors Stefania Pizzirani, Jessica Price, and Darrell Fox joined CGD.