

# INNOVATION IGNITES! OCIC AGM & SYMPOSIUM 2017

JUNE 16, 2017 / CENTRE FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION (192 SPADINA AVE, TORONTO)

## PARTICIPANT PACKAGE

- 8:30-9:00**                      **REGISTRATION & FAIR TRADE CAFÉ**
- 9:00-9:30**                      **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**
- 9:30-11:00**                    **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Approval of the Proposed 2017 AGM Agenda  
Approval of the 2016 AGM Minutes  
Presidents' Report  
Membership Committee Report  
Finance Committee Report  
Approval of 2017-2018 Auditors  
Ratification of New Members  
Presentation of Candidates for Board of Directors  
Elections  
Executive Directors' Report  
Ratification & Election Results  
Volunteer Recognition  
Adjournment of Business Meeting  
**Joshua Tabah - Director General, Partnerships for Development  
Innovation, Global Affairs Canada**
- 11:00-11:30**                    **NETWORKING BREAK & FAIR TRADE CAFÉ**
- 11:30-12:45**                    **STARTING FROM SCRATCH**  
Provocative author, speaker and leading practitioner in the field of Strategic Foresight, **Alexander Manu** surveys the fast-changing context for incumbent organizations in all market spaces where individuals are now empowered and now seek engagement with platforms that allow them to leave a mark, and to participate in the community of others.
- Empowered people have discovered themselves as social beings, with agency to shape the world by all means available, affecting the experience of life itself. Empowered participation is motivating people to set new goals for engaging with life, to discover and create new experiences, to seek meaning and pleasure in actions conditioned only by the self desire to play in the social realm. This is the major provocation of the future, the transformation of all relationships, and how it will affect society, business, culture and consumption models.
- As technology changes the structure of our life, it also changes the frameworks on which our experiences are built. To be providers of new

meaning in this new framework, organizations must change their narrative and redefine their role within the story of each user; in other words, starting from scratch.

Starting from scratch means drawing a clean line and imagining everything as it should be, not as an improvement of what is. The implication of this action does not mean that we forget where we come from, but it means that we create new roots, and ones not encumbered by the preexisting structures of our current social constructs, organization or habits. Having new roots implies effectiveness and efficiency, implies sustainability, as we have the opportunity to construct the structure in the right way from the beginning. We are not fixing the old; we are maximizing the present. Starting from scratch permits us the freedom to design organizations or social structures that fit the place where they perform and take advantage of all the ingredients surrounding them.

Starting from scratch is a challenge to one's ability to create new images of self, constructing a new world from the inside out, as both a participant as well as a creature of it. These new images, and the artefacts they create in turn, are reflections of new life priorities, and the heights of existence we want to achieve through the new story. A new and inspiring ethos. The future as ethos has little to do with technology; it has only to do with what we want of ourselves.

**12:45-2:00**

**LUNCH**

**2:00-4:45**

**STRATEGIC FORESIGHT CO-LAB**

**Nenad Rava** and **Christine McGlade** lead us through a collaborative process to help co-create Strategic Foresight for OCIC's future orientation. Strategic Foresight Co-lab gives participants the opportunity to share creative ideas and expertise on innovation and development.

**4:45-5:45**

**WHERE TO NEXT?**

**Nenad Rava** with **Anne Connelly**, **Keita Demming** and **Joshua Tabah**

**5:45-6:00**

**GLOBAL IMPACT: A CANADIAN STORY & CLOSING REMARKS**

**Kimberly Gibbons** and **Jessica Ferne**

**5:45-7:00**

**NETWORKING RECEPTION**

**7:00-9:00**

**TOWARDS A TRANSFORMATIVE, FEMINIST AGENDA**

Featuring **MILK** by Director, Writer and Producer **Noemi Weis**, in collaboration with **Amani Massoud**, Egyptian Public Health-Specialist and Human-Rights Defender. The film will be presented after introductory comments, and followed by a discussion and Q&A session facilitated by **Eugenia Ochoa**.

# MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 16, 2016

## HELD AT THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION (192 SPADINA AVE, TORONTO)

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- i. OCIC Vice President Emily Kere welcomed the membership and guests to the Centre for Social Innovation on behalf of the Board and staff of OCIC. She noted the power of transformative thinking and the innovative leadership needed to contribute to Agenda 2030 and the Global Goals for Sustainable Development.
- ii. Elder Dr. Bob Phillips delivered an opening prayer and gave reflections about the speaking circle, as well as the importance of the inclusion of all voices.
- iii. OCIC ED Kimberly Gibbons welcomed the membership and recognized the spirit of the day as aspirational, thought-provoking, participatory and collaborative. She also gave a high-level overview of the agenda for the day and noted distinguished special guests.
- iv. Quorum was met as twenty nine (29) Organizational members with voting rights were present.

### 2. Business Meeting

- a. Approval of the Proposed 2016 Agenda (Mitra Manouchehrian)
  - i. Motion to approve the proposed 2016 Agenda moved by Tina Sweeney (CUSO International) and seconded by Isabelle Hachette (World Accord). All in favour, motion carried.
- b. Approval of 2015 AGM minutes (Mitra Manouchehrian)
  - i. The 2015 AGM minutes were presented to the membership by Mitra Manouchehrian.
  - ii. Motion to approve the 2015 AGM minutes by Sara Dunkley (Beautiful World) and seconded by Mitch Wilkie (CBM Canada). All in favour, motion carried.
- c. President's Report (Mitra Manouchehrian)
  - i. Mitra Manouchehrian presented the 2015-2016 President's Report to the membership.
  - ii. Highlights: the Governance Committee saw the creation of a policy review framework and schedule to ensure that policy formats are standardized, all key components are included, and policy gaps are identified; the Personnel Committee supported the Executive Director in ongoing recruitment and HR management; the Membership Committee supported development of a new member brochure and video that articulates benefits of membership and builds a case for support; the Finance & Sustainability Committee invested strategically by engaging a consultant to help develop a fund diversification strategy; and some Board Directors also served on a new OCIC Monitoring & Evaluation Advisory Committee.
- d. Membership Survey Report (Yin Brown)
  - i. Yin Brown presented information from the membership survey.
  - ii. Highlights: High response rate from membership; most respondents satisfied with services provided by OCIC.
- e. Treasurer's Report (Kevin O'Neill)
  - i. Kevin O'Neill presented highlights of the Audited Financial Statements.
  - ii. Highlights: OCIC had a clean audit, and ended the year with a \$2,092 surplus. Board has reviewed and approved audit.

- iii. Reported revenue increase of \$148,475 (from MCIIT) to develop and deliver a comprehensive M&E capacity building program
- iv. Reported decline in revenue for professional services
- v. Balance sheet – surplus of \$2,092 has been moved to OCIC’s reserve fund (\$73,000 restricted for shut down scenario, the rest has been designated unrestricted).
- vi. 91% of revenue last year provided by two government agencies, 87% of which was from one government agency.
- vii. Consultant will be hired to assist with income generation and diversification strategy.
- viii. Five copies of full audited financial statements were made available for members to review.
- ix. Ann Rosenfield (Transforming Faces) asked what is in the “miscellaneous” category. Kevin noted this category reflects revenue fluctuations.
- x. Collins Barrow as OCIC’s current auditor was discussed by Finance & Sustainability Committee and found there was no limit as to how long to retain an auditor, but recommendations for making a change ranged from 7-12 years.
- xi. Board of Directors recommends that OCIC maintain Collins Barrow as OCIC’s auditor for 2016-2017, and that next year an RFP will be posted.
- xii. Motion to approve Collins Barrow Toronto LLP as auditors for the 2016-2017 financial year moved by Jennifer Foulds (Amref Health Africa in Canada) and seconded by Luke Stocking (Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace). All in favour, motion carried.

f. Ratification of Members (Roshelle Filart)

- i. Roshelle Filart introduced one new Organizational member and two Network/Institutional members to be ratified, and the candidates said a few words about their respective organizations:
  - Organizational Member: Inter Pares
  - Network/Institutional Members: Brescia University College; Compañeros Inc
  - Dr. Mitchell, Associate Dean, introduced Brescia University College, a 1400 student institution moving towards the internationalization of their curriculum.
  - Gonzalo Duarte, Executive Director, introduced Compañeros Inc, a private social enterprise dedicated to organizing volunteer service and cross-cultural learning programs for the purpose of equipping citizens to be more engaged in their communities in Canada and Nicaragua.
  - Nathan Fenn briefly introduced Ryerson University as a university founded in 1993, and highlighted the international arm of Ryerson, Ryerson International (RI) that works within the University community to strengthen Ryerson’s international partnerships and expand the range of overseas experiences for students and faculty.
- ii. Roshelle Filart introduced 36 new Associate Members to be ratified; a list of Associate Members was projected on the screen.
- iii. Roshelle Filart asked voting members to vote via the ballot in their package. Ballots were collected and counted.

g. Resolution to Change OCIC’s By-Laws (Julia Anderson)

- i. Julia Anderson explained the recommendation of the OCIC Board of Directors that there be an increase from up to three (3) Associate Members, to up to four (4) Associate Members able to serve on the Board (constituting up to 1/3 of the Board).
  - Luke Stocking (Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace) inquired why Network/Institutional members are allowed representation on the Board (as

Associate Members) but do not have voting rights at the AGM. Kim explained that while OCIC has evolved its membership categories to accommodate increased numbers of Associate Members, our core mandate is to serve Organizational Members working international cooperation. Julia added that the OCIC Board spaces allotted to Associate Members are not a requirement, but that we do want to provide the space for one additional spot, while decision-making power still needs to be held with OCIC's core constituency.

- ii. Motion to amend OCIC's By Laws to allow room for the election of one additional associate member onto the Board of Directors moved by Jennifer Adams (White Ribbon) and seconded by Sarah MacIndoe (Free The Children). All in favour, motion carried.

h. Presentation of Candidates for OCIC Board of Directors (Kevin O'Neill)

- i. Kevin O'Neill presented nominees for the Board.
- ii. Current Board of Directors In-term: Emily Kere (Associate Member), Kevin O'Neill (Amref Health Africa in Canada), Michelle Manks (WUSC), Roshelle Filart (RESULTS Canada), Yin Brown (Associate Member), Jakub Nemeč (ADRA).
- iii. Kevin explained that there are six (6) open spots, with three (3) candidates nominated so far, and encouraged members to put their names forward.
- iv. Kevin introduced the candidates for the Board of Directors: Isabelle Hachette (World Accord), Jessica Ferne (IDRF), and Julia Anderson (Kawartha World Issues Centre).
- v. Isabelle (a Francophone development practitioner with 20 years of experience currently working in agro ecology and micro-credit with World Accord), Jessica (Director of Programs for IDRF working predominantly in Asia and the Middle East and interested in increasing commitment to OCIC) and Julia (Operations Manager for the Canadian MNCH Network and a passionate member of the OCIC Board) each said a few words about themselves.
- vi. Kevin called for nominations from the floor and received five (5) nominations: Amanda Cacilhas as an Organizational Member (Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace), nominated by Luke Stocking (Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace) and seconded by Sara Dunkley (Beautiful World); Fana Mekonen as an Associate Member, nominated by Tina Sweeney (CUSO International) and seconded by Julia Rao (Presbyterian World Service and Development); Fidaa Shehada as an Associate Member nominated by Luke Stocking (Development and Peace) and seconded by Tina Sweeney (CUSO International); Warren Trottier as an Associate Member, nominated by Alex Macmillan (Canadian Red Cross) and seconded by Sara Dunkley (Beautiful World); Shubha Sandill as an Associate Member nominated by Jennifer Adams (White Ribbon)
- vii. Each nominee was asked to say something about themselves:
  - Amanda Cacilhas just started interning at Development and Peace, and wants to know more about OCIC.
  - Fana Mekonen runs an Ethiopian-Canadian grassroots organization that encourages knowledge building around culture.
  - Fidaa Shehada is a professor at Centennial College with a PhD in International Development and a desire to link theory to practice.
  - Warren Trottier is a recent graduate from Wilfred Laurier University and is passionate about community and student engagement.
  - Shubha Sandill is a PhD candidate at York University, past entrepreneur, current educator in law, and current Development Drinks volunteer.
- viii. Kevin administered the election. As there were an equal number of organizational seats as there were candidates, no vote was required.

- ix. Motion for 3 remaining nominated candidates to stand for election to 2 seat on the OCIC Board of Directors moved by Luke Stocking (Development and Peace) and seconded by Julia Rao (Presbyterian World Service and Development), all in favour, motion carried.
  - x. A secret ballot was conducted for 2 associate member seats.
- i. Executive Director's Report (Kimberly Gibbons)
- i. Kimberly Gibbons presented an overview of OCIC and highlights of results in 2015-2016.
  - ii. OCIC launched a new and exciting capacity building program called *IMPACT: Building Organizational Capacity in Comprehensive Program Evaluation* which is comprised of three online trainings (Conceptualizing Comprehensive Program Evaluation, Impact Assessment Methodologies and Practice, and Articulating Impact to Diverse Audiences); participants for the year included 180 individuals from 77 organizations.
  - iii. *Transformations*, OCIC's public engagement Photojournalism Initiative was a success. It was a profound experience for OCIC to work with World Accord and Women for Peace and Democracy, their partner in Nepal, and we are proud to have our collaborative work recognized with a national award from the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC), in May 2016.
  - iv. iAM, OCIC's innovative, interactive, multi-media e-magazine has been running for 7 years, and was successfully led by Diana Reyes and her volunteer Editorial Board, this year.
  - v. The Global Changemakers Youth Ambassadors initiative was also a success, with seven dynamic young people recognized with awards during International Development Week 2016.
  - vi. Kim presented an overview of the consultation process planned for the afternoon, including that process planned for OCIC and the ICN to make submissions to Global Affairs Canada's International Assistance Review, with the assistance of Shannon Kindornay.
  - vii. Kim introduced two short video messages from Global Affairs Canada, including a message to the OCIC AGM & Symposium from Parliamentary Secretary Karina Gould.
- j. Election Results (Roshelle Filart and Kevin O'Neill)
- i. Roshelle Filart announced that the new members were ratified through the voting process and asked for a motion to approve all members.
  - ii. Motion to ratify Inter Pares as an Organizational Member, Brescia University and Compañeros Inc as Network/Institutional Members, and all 36 Associate Members moved by Sara Dunkley (Beautiful World) and seconded by Isabelle Hachette (World Accord). All in favour, motion carried.
  - iii. Kevin O'Neill presented the results of the election of Associate Members to the OCIC Board of Directors. Fana Mekonen and Fidaa Shehada were the two successful candidates with the majority votes.
  - iv. Motion to approve the election results and appoint Fana Mekonen (Associate Member) and Fidaa Shehada (Associate Member) to the OCIC Board of Directors moved by Jennifer Foulds (Amref Health Africa in Canada) and seconded by Bella Lam (Jane Goodall Institute), all in favour, motion carried.
  - v. Motion to destroy secret ballot moved by Jennifer Foulds (Amref Health Africa in Canada) and seconded by Bella Lam (Jane Goodall Institute), all in favour, motion carried.
- k. Volunteer Recognition (Emily Kere, Lisa Swainston and Kimberly Gibbons)
- i. Emily recognized Mitra, Ikem and Scott for their contributions to the OCIC Board of Directors over a number of years.

- ii. Lisa and Cassandra thanked OCIC's iAM editorial board, Global Citizens Forum lead volunteers, Development Drinks volunteers in Ottawa and Toronto, and AGM volunteers.
  - iii. Kim recognized the OCIC staff and their collective contributions to the work of the Council, throughout the year.
- I. Adjournment of Business Meeting (Mitra Manouchehrian)
- i. Motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting moved by Isabelle Hachette (World Accord) and seconded by Tina Sweeney (CUSO International). All in favour, motion carried.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Ontario Council for International Cooperation**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at March 31, 2017**

	2017	2016
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash	\$ 146,986	\$ 350,196
Short-term investments	38,790	38,480
Accounts receivable	36,843	29,122
Prepaid expenses and deposits	4,843	9,235
	<b>\$ 227,462</b>	<b>\$ 427,033</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 3)	\$ 25,332	\$ 37,381
Deferred membership dues	500	1,860
	<b>25,832</b>	<b>39,241</b>
<b>Deferred government funding</b> (Note 6)	<b>57,933</b>	<b>230,767</b>
	<b>83,765</b>	<b>270,008</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
<b>General fund</b> (Note 5)	<b>70,697</b>	<b>84,025</b>
<b>Reserve fund</b> (Note 5)	<b>73,000</b>	<b>73,000</b>
	<b>143,697</b>	<b>157,025</b>
	<b>\$ 227,462</b>	<b>\$ 427,033</b>

**Ontario Council for International Cooperation**  
**Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets**  
**Year Ended March 31, 2017**

	2017	2016
<b>Revenue</b>		
Global Affairs Canada ("GAC") (Note 6)	\$ 349,722	\$ 353,871
Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade ("MCIIT") (Note 6)	253,525	148,475
Professional services	4,196	2,594
Membership fees	39,039	25,148
Miscellaneous	22,238	16,940
Interest	1,699	2,389
	<b>670,419</b>	<b>549,417</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration	80,500	89,030
Program - GAC (Notes 6 and 7)	349,722	315,820
Program - MCIIT (Notes 6 and 7)	253,525	142,475
	<b>683,747</b>	<b>547,325</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>(13,328)</b>	<b>2,092</b>
<b>Net assets - general fund, beginning of year</b>	<b>84,025</b>	<b>81,933</b>
<b>Net assets - general fund, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 70,697</b>	<b>\$ 84,025</b>



## PROFILES OF NEW MEMBERS TO BE RATIFIED

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS

#### **Aga Khan Foundation Canada**

199 Sussex Drive  
Ottawa, ON K1N 1K6  
Phone: 613.237.2532  
Web: [www.akfc.ca](http://www.akfc.ca)

Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC) is a non-profit international development agency, working in Asia and Africa to find sustainable solutions to the complex problems causing global poverty. In Canada, AKFC promotes discussion and learning on international development issues, raises funds and builds partnerships with Canadian institutions to support development. AKFC also brings together professionals within the development sector and those working in related fields to promote learning and knowledge sharing. AKFC was established in 1980 and is a registered Canadian charity, and an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), a group of development agencies with individual mandates that address social, economic and cultural dimensions of development. Active in 30 countries, these agencies share a mission to improve quality of life and opportunities for the poor, without regard to their faith, origin, or gender.

Good health, quality education, economic opportunity, gender equality, clean water and air, nutritious food, and space to participate in civic life: these are cornerstones of a more peaceful, prosperous and pluralist world. AKFC and its partners work alongside women and men to build a strong foundation for the future, and make sure they possess the knowledge and tools to sustain development gains over the long term. Many of AKFC's efforts are undertaken in cooperation with the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada, other institutional donors, and with the support of tens of thousands of Canadians from across the country through the annual World Partnership Walk.

#### **comdu.it**

2425 Eglinton Avenue East, Unit 400  
Toronto, ON M1K 5G8  
Phone: 647.967.5628  
Web: <http://comdu.it>

comdu.it is an independent network of diaspora changemakers committed to leveraging Canadian technical assistance for sustainable development of Sri Lanka. Specifically, it seeks to shift the engagement of the Tamil-speaking diaspora in Ontario and Canada from charity to sustainability, from aid to economic development, and from remittance to building knowledge-based economies in the North and East of Sri Lanka.

comdu.it is focused on:

- **Facilitating diaspora technical assistance** to strengthen local community-based organisations that serve vulnerable populations in rural, remote, war-impacted and under-developed parts of Sri Lanka.
- **Becoming an open hub** that consolidates information, encourages collaboration, and streamlines resources in order to enhance diaspora engagement in sustainable development.

comdu.it has four programs for overseas volunteers interested in Sri Lanka:

1. **Right of Return Program** for post-secondary students and recent graduates to discover, connect, and explore their heritage and history in the North and East of Sri Lanka. Successful applicants will be placed in children's homes, vocational schools, and other appropriate institutions to volunteer their skills and time to help build capacity of local communities in the Northern and Eastern provinces.
2. **Associateship Program** for new and young professionals to discover, connect, and explore their heritage and history in the North and East of Sri Lanka. Successful applicants will pre-plan a project prior to their arrival in Sri Lanka, do a high-intensity implementation over a four-week period on the ground in the Northern and Eastern provinces, and continue evaluation upon their return to Canada.
3. **Elders Program** for retired professionals and seniors to return to their home communities and adjoining communities in the North and East to provide advice and support on the implementation of local partner projects.
4. **Virtual Mentorship Program** for experienced STEM entrepreneurs and executives to mentor and coach emerging entrepreneurs in the Northern Province on starting and growing their businesses, and help influence entrepreneurship and innovation in the region.

comdu.it is registered as an Ontario non-profit organization headquartered in Toronto, Canada, and is a member organization of the Ontario Council for International Cooperation.

### **Ethiopiaid Canada**

900 – 275 Slater Street

Ottawa, ON J8T 5G8

Phone: 613.238.4481

Web: [www.ethiopiaid.ca](http://www.ethiopiaid.ca)

Ethiopiaid Canada is a charitable international development organization dedicated to empowering people in Ethiopia to live healthy and productive lives. It seeks lasting change by supporting interventions driven by local partners. Ethiopiaid Canada opened its doors in 2009 and is part of an international network of Ethiopiaid offices based in the United Kingdom, Ireland and Australia. Together, they have over 28 years of experience in creating lasting change through collaborations with Ethiopian civil society partner organizations.

Ethiopiaid Canada places emphasis on interventions that build the health, social, and economic assets of women and girls. Its programming focuses on increasing access to maternal health services and reducing barriers to education and employment, in order to empower women and girls.

Ethiopiaid Canada lists its values and principles as:

- **Partnerships:** foster partnerships and collaboration in Ethiopia and as a global team in order to achieve shared goals;
- **Sustainability:** promote sustainability by focusing on helping people build their assets to achieve self-sufficiency;
- **Inclusion:** support interventions that benefit the most vulnerable members of society; and
- **Accountability:** measure success by assessing tangible improvements in the lives of project participants.

Ethiopiaid Canada is not affiliated with faith-based organizations and has no political associations. It is located in Ottawa, ON.

### **Operation Groundswell**

205 Church Street

Toronto, ON M5B 1Y7

Phone: 1.888.422.0164

Web: [www.operationgroundswell.com](http://www.operationgroundswell.com)

Operation Groundswell is a registered Canadian non-profit organization that has “people, not profits” as their bottom line. [Their] mission is to “provide high-value, intimate, immersive and educational travel experiences that tangibly affect the lives of the communities they visit and their program participants. [They] are dedicated to providing financially accessible travel experiences that blend responsible volunteering, education, personal development, and adventure.”

Operation Groundswell started in 2006 when a group of friends boarded a flight to Accra, Ghana to find answers to some challenging questions like: Is volunteering abroad helping or harming the developing world? Is there a way for us to contribute to development while also critiquing it? They “wanted to understand why global poverty plagues much of the world, while billions of dollars are poured into development projects around the globe. [They] learned that governments, charities and international institutions often push their agenda without consulting the communities they are ‘developing.’ [They] realized that a project has a significantly higher impact if it is undertaken in collaboration with the community. Not as a handout, not as charity – but in solidarity.”

After talking to local NGOs and community leaders about what their real needs were, they created partnerships with local charities, community leaders and local governments and began building a program that didn’t just plop a volunteer into a project. Instead, their programs combine community service with an educational program that teaches team members the context needed to understand local challenges before solving them. The organizations now runs 162 programs to 18 countries around the world. One of their aims is to spark a movement of globally active and socially conscious backpackers, which they call “backpactivists”.

## INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Christine Amy  
Emily Antze  
Teferi Assefa  
Violeta A. Bastida C.  
Adryan Bergstrom-Borins  
Terra Borody  
Gabriela Carbó  
Ron Cheong  
Lauryn Conway  
Katie Daly  
Genevieve Drouin  
Vivek Dutta  
Gina Eisler  
Tunde Fakunle  
Alejandra Guzman Cadiz  
David Harder  
Elban Tayhani Karatas  
Helen Kim

James Kuhns  
Noelle Le Conte-Good  
Tian Lim  
Gary Loftus  
Erin MacLeod  
Abdul Majid  
Amani Massoud  
Edward Matthews  
Kiddy Mengesha  
Danielle Mulima  
Katharine Neale  
Thokozani Njoloma  
Benjamin O'Bright  
Uchenna Uzoma Okoroji  
Arabella Olomide  
Gertrude Omoro  
Kayo Pereira  
Danielle Prado

Katayon Qahir  
Mohammad Rahman  
Sabrina Rubli  
Anna Rupert  
Shubha Sandill  
Narinder Sharma  
Ouida Shiers  
Patrick Shulist  
Anna Stegink  
Laure Tankpinou  
Nina Valentic  
Kelly Wighton  
Jannah Wigle  
Wes Wilcox  
Daniel Wong  
Humaira Zahid

## BOARD DIRECTORS IN-TERM

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS

#### **JULIA ANDERSON, Kawartha World Issues Centre**

Julia Anderson is Director of Operations for the Canadian Network for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (CanWaCH) and a volunteer of the Kawartha World Issues Centre (KWIC), a grassroots and charitable Global Education and Resource Centre which promotes dialogue and understanding of world issues to enable people to engage in positive social and environmental change. Since 1989, KWIC has served Peterborough and the Kawartha region by providing education, analysis, and action on pertinent world issues and their local connections. Julia was appointed to the OCIC Board of Directors in 2013 as a representative of Jamaican Self-Help, a community-based organization that she actively involved with for over 11 years, during which she also served on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC). Julia has a degree in international development, and recently completed her MA in Canadian and Indigenous studies, looking at the Istanbul Principles for Civil Society Effectiveness.

#### **AMANDA CACILHAS, Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace**

Amanda Cacilhas was elected to the OCIC Board of Directors in 2016 and serves on the Membership and Nominations Committee. Amanda was previously a Youth Engagement Officer for Development and Peace-Caritas Canada, where she engaged with youth on several global and development issues. She has dedicated her time and attention to advocacy campaigns focused on the Syrian refugee crisis, women's rights, and climate change affecting small family farmers. Her recent work has also led her to plan and facilitate workshops for high school and post-secondary students. Amanda holds a post-graduate certificate in International Development from Humber College and a Bachelor's in Mental Health from the University of Toronto.

#### **JESSICA FERNE, International Development & Relief Foundation**

As Director of Programs at IDRF, Jessica Ferne oversees an extensive global portfolio of humanitarian response and development programs in dozens of countries across South Asia, the Middle East, Eastern and Southern Africa, Eastern Europe, the Americas and Canada. A passionate social justice advocate, Jessica has served in various management, research, fundraising and technical assistance capacities in Canada and abroad, with a particular focus on emergency response; refugee health; youth engagement; and sexual and reproductive health and rights. Jessica is entering her second year on the Board of Directors of OCIC and is also a member of the Board of Directors for 'Licensed to Learn', which provides over 3,500 local youth with free peer-led academic support and leadership opportunities each year. She is also an ally volunteer with NU (New Understandings), a youth-driven collective aiming to diversify the sexual health and rights dialogue for GTA newcomer, immigrant and second generation youth. Jessica holds a Master of Public Health degree and has completed post-graduate certificates in Advanced International Project Management, International Policy Analysis & Strategic Planning, and Humanitarian Response.

#### **ISABELLE HACHETTE, World Accord**

Isabelle Hachette has over 15 years' experience working on international development and emergency relief programs in countries of Africa and South-East Asia, and more recently in Central America. She has worked with international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), United Nations agencies and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. She has collaborated in the creation and implementation of community mobilization projects that integrated gender and community health components. Isabelle

joined World Accord, a small Kitchener-Waterloo-based NGO, as Program Coordinator in 2016. Since then she has reinforced the capacity of their partners in Central America and Nepal by working with them in fund diversification and strategic planning.

Isabelle was elected to the OCIC Board of Directors in 2016 and has contributed by reinforcing OCIC's mandate and by sharing her expertise in partnership building, advocacy, capacity building, communications and public engagement. She serves on the Membership and Nominations Committee, and the Finance and Sustainability Committee. In her second year on the Board, she hopes to continue strengthening the capacity of OCIC by finding innovative solutions to global challenges, and by collaborating and engaging with decision-makers who are operating in this complex environment. Isabelle has a Bachelor degree in Education and Political Science, a Certificate in Journalism, and a Masters in International Development.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

**FANA MEKONEN** is the founder of Enheed, an organization that facilitates programs for youth in the Ethiopian diaspora to travel to Ethiopia to reconnect with their roots. She is passionate about diaspora engagement and works to promote collaboration and cooperation between youth in Africa and abroad. With Enheed, African youth in the diaspora travel to their country of origin to engage in experiential learning while gaining first-hand knowledge of their roots. They tackle topics ranging from gender equality, to education and entrepreneurship. Prior to joining the development field Fana worked as a legal analyst and conflict resolution officer. She holds a degree in Criminal Justice, Political Science and African Studies. Fana was elected to the OCIC Board of Directors in June 2016 and serves on the Membership and Nominations Committee, and the Finance and Sustainability Committee, and is also a member of the OCIC Diaspora Engagement Networking Group.

**FIDAA SHEHADA** has been with OCIC's Board of Directors since June 2016, and contributes to the Governance Committee and Personnel Committee. She is an international development professional and educator with many years of experience. She accomplished her PhD in Public Affairs as a Fulbright Scholar at Rutgers University in the United States. She also has a Master's Degree in Democracy and Human Rights. Fidaa was a faculty member at Rutgers University and the State University of New York. She taught many courses on non-profit and international development organizations and served on numerous Master's theses. She also worked in programs funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) (formerly CIDA and DFATD), Austcare, Danida, CGAP (World Bank), UNESCO, UNRWA and USAID. Fidaa has a demonstrated track record of significant accomplishments in program management, program design, implementation and evaluation. She is currently a professor of different topics of international development at Centennial College, in Toronto. She is also involved with several research, curriculum development and community development activities.

## CANDIDATES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS

#### **ROSHELLE FILART, RESULTS Canada**

Roshelle Filart was first elected to the OCIC Board of Directors in 2015, and has co-Chaired the Membership and Nominations Committee, and served on the Executive as Secretary. She brings more than 20 years' experience in public education, communication and engagement, voluntary service, and life-long interests in issues of social justice, international development and anti-oppressive analysis. Since returning to Canada in 2006 after volunteering with WUSC in Botswana, and VSO Canada in Guinea-Bissau, she has been an active champion of collaborative efforts to end extreme poverty everywhere. As a co-leader of the Toronto volunteer chapter of RESULTS Canada she has led citizen advocacy efforts to engage parliamentarians, policymakers, media and community groups, for which she was officially recognized by H  l  ne Lavardi  re, MP and NDP Critic for Foreign Affairs in 2016, and awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

Prior to joining the Board, Roshelle was actively engaged as a volunteer on the Editorial Board of OCIC's multimedia e-Magazine, iAM, Volume 4, was a workshop presenter at the OCIC Global Citizen's Forum 2013, and a frequent attendee of Toronto Development Drinks. Roshelle graduated from the University of Toronto with B.A. in anthropology and art history, and a B.ED in primary education. She has a Master's degree in International Education from New York University, and a certificate in Staff Training and Adult Education from Seneca College. She currently works as a science presenter at the Ontario Science Centre where she was also a lead researcher and exhibit developer for A Question of Truth, a permanent exhibition about bias and discrimination in science.

#### **JENNIFER NAIDOO, Ethiopiaid Canada**

Jennifer Naidoo joined Ottawa-based Ethiopiaid Canada in October 2016. She works to grow the organizations' resources and notoriety through revenue diversification, communications and partnership engagement. Previously her career in International Development has taken her to Ethiopia, Kenya, Jamaica, Thailand, Israel and Palestine. She now has over 5 years of experience working in international development with a variety of non-profit organizations, including Asylum Access Thailand, based in Bangkok; the Canadian Cooperatives Association, based in Nairobi; and Plan International Canada, based in Toronto. Jennifer hopes to contribute her time and experience to amplify OCIC's work in Ottawa, across Ontario, and nationally. Her range of experience, integrated networks and shared commitment to global social justice will serve to foster collaboration and further the mandate of OCIC. Jennifer holds a specialist degree in International Development and has accumulated experience in financial management and marketing. One of her greatest aspirations in life is to master the art of cooking wherein her food is not only edible, but creative and delicious. While she painfully climbs this ladder, she welcomes recipes, advice and candid reviews!

#### **DR. MAGGIE ZENG, Christian Children's Fund of Canada**

Dr. Maggie Zeng has over 20 years of international development experience working with international and domestic NGOs and agencies, including the Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC); CIDA, as Gender Advisor; and Oxfam. Maggie joined CCFC in 2012 as New Business Development & Grants Manager to create opportunities for children and youth, their families, and their communities. Maggie is passionate about gender equality and child protection issues, and is a strong advocate for partnership, believing we are stronger together. During the Global Affairs Canada PSMNCH call for proposals she

worked with colleagues from CCFC, ADRA Canada and Amref Health Africa in Canada on two consortium proposal submissions, both of which were successful and are currently under implementation. Maggie has served as the representative for a number of networks, including the Program Committee and Grants Support Committee of ChildFund Alliance, the Steering Committee and Policy Committee of International Child Protection Network Canada (ICPNC), the UN Theme Group on Gender (UNTGG 2006-2008), and the Global Call to Action against Poverty-China, the first global NGO alliance in China, comprised of Oxfam, World Vision, Plan International, Save the Children, Action Aid, UNDP and other UN agencies. Maggie has also worked and volunteered with community organizations in Toronto, including WoodGreen Community Centre, and the Ralph Thornton Centre, and she has worked with city and provincial government agencies to plan, design, implement and evaluate community development projects, such as the East Chinatown revitalization project and the Dragon Festival. Maggie received her Bachelor and Master degrees in International Relations from Peking University, China, her Master degree in Public Administration, Graduate Certificate in African Area Studies, and Ph. D in International Development Policy and Administration from the University of Florida, USA.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

**FAHAD AHMAD** is a consultant, researcher and program evaluator. He helps social justice, arts and community-based nonprofit organizations to enhance their strategic, operational and leadership capacities. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Public Policy at Carleton University where he is researching the impact of security and counter-radicalization policies on community-based organizations and their constituents. He is a junior research affiliate of the Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security, and Society (TSAS).

Fahad is an OCIC Associate Member and has been volunteering with OCIC's Membership and Nomination Committee since December 2015. Fahad is also proud to serve as the Treasurer of the Board of Thousand Currents (formerly IDEX), a grant-making organization that supports women, youth and indigenous peoples-led grassroots efforts in food sovereignty, alternative economies and climate justice. Fahad was the COO and later the interim CEO of Soliya, an innovative non-profit that uses new media technologies to educate and mobilize youth from western and predominantly Muslim societies in order to foster greater cross-cultural understanding. He continues to serve as Soliya's Senior Advisor. Fahad has also worked as the VP of Strategic Initiatives at Search for Common Ground, one of the world's largest peacebuilding organizations.

Fahad's expertise includes financial management and fundraising, policy and risk analysis, and nonprofit governance and management, which he could bring to bear on the OCIC Board. He has experience in developing and implementing organizational strategy, managing and evaluating domestic and international programs, developing earned income strategies for non-profits, and applying for funding support from foundations and governments. He has facilitated non-profit board and staff conversations to establish governance structures and create implementable strategic plans. Fahad's diverse experiences and background make him a creative problem solver. He has worked as a computer engineer, made short films, and has lived and worked in the Middle East, India, Canada and the U.S. Fahad holds graduate degrees from York University in Canada (MBA) and the University of Wisconsin Madison (MS), as well as a Bachelor's degree from India.

**MITRA MANOUCHEHRIAN** is an international development professional specializing in international public health and health promotion initiatives. Mitra first became involved in international development through a placement with Canadian Crossroads International (CCI) and their partner organization in



Togo, a community micro-finance organization interested in expanding their HIV/AIDS prevention activities. Upon returning to Toronto she worked in programming at CCI, followed by a stint in the Far North province of Cameroon with VSO to identify the training needs of PLHIV associations. Mitra then pursued a Master's degree in International Public Health at the University of Sydney, Australia. Mitra is currently a Program Manager with Plan International Canada, managing grants financed by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria in west and southern Africa. Her role includes working to create enabling environments where complex partnerships between key stakeholders such as local communities, community leaders, and local and national governmental bodies can flourish. The goals of these partnerships are to ensure the work of countries, Plan International, and the Global Fund is scaled up to meet national and international disease reduction targets, ultimately improving the health and well-being of children and their families. Mitra previously served on the OCIC Board of Directors from 2010-2016 in various roles, including as a member of the Personnel Committee, as Secretary, and as Chair of the Board.

**SHUBHA SANDILL** is an educator, entrepreneur, community activist and PhD candidate at York University's Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies. Currently, she also teaches at York University's Law and Society Program in Social Science. Shubha has a diverse academic career that began with a previous PhD in Urban Geography from Agra University in India, where she held the position as a lecturer at the department of Geography from 1986 to 1991. She shifted gears to the corporate world after immigrating to Canada in 1991, acting as Director of Richa Enterprises Inc., a private corporation that operated a lucrative chain of businesses. After almost two decades as an entrepreneur, in 2010 Shubha returned to academia to pursue her second Masters in Globalization Studies at McMaster University. Subsequently, in 2012 she commenced her second PhD in Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies at York University, focusing her research on women in family entrepreneurship, women's economic empowerment in the global south, and global gender justice.

Alongside her academic endeavours, Shubha acts as a Board member on Hamilton Economic Development's Fieldcote Expansion Fundraising Committee. She is a member of the Hamilton Organizing for Poverty Elimination (HOPE) Committee, a subsidiary of the Hamilton Social Planning and Research Council. Given her passion for advancing women's leadership and political participation, Shubha holds the position of Vice President of Fundraising on the Executive Board for the Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas Federal Liberal Association, and has been recently appointed as Chair Fundraising for Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas Ontario Liberal Party. Shubha is also the Group Manager for the United Nations Supporters Group on LinkedIn, with a global membership of over 45,000, as well as the United Nations Business Partnerships LinkedIn Group. At York University, she has sat on the 2015 Sexuality Studies Visiting Scholar Adjudication Committee. Shubha is the 2016 recipient of the Peneleope Jane Glasser Award from the Faculty of Graduate Studies at York University, and the Helena Orton Memorial Award from Graduate Studies at Osgoode Hall Law School.

## DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS & FACILITATORS

**JOSHUA TABAH** received a PhD in Political Philosophy from the University of Toronto in 2002 for his research into the consolidation of democracy in Latin America. A native of the province of Quebec, Mr. Tabah joined the Canadian Government in 2003 and held a number of positions with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) before amalgamation and evolution into Global Affairs Canada. From 2008 until 2012, he served as Head of Aid for Colombia and Ecuador at the Canadian Embassy in Bogota, Colombia. From 2012 to 2016, he was Counsellor for Humanitarian Affairs at Canada's Permanent Mission to the UN and International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. Tabah assumed his functions as Director General in KFM in August 2016. He lives in Chelsea with his partner and their three children.

**ALEXANDER MANU** is a strategic innovation practitioner, international lecturer, and author who lectures around the world on innovation, imagination, change agents and strategic foresight. Alexander teaches "Innovation, Foresight and Business Design" at the Rotman School of Management, is a Professor at OCAD University in Toronto, and is a visiting lecturer at the Wallace McCain Institute for Entrepreneurship. In his client and research work, Alexander is involved in transforming organizations by exploring and defining new competitive spaces, the development of new strategic business competencies, and the creation of imaginative innovation methods. He believes that the exploration of possibility requires imagination as a prerequisite for strategic change and innovation.

**NENAD RAVA**, Ph.D. has 20 years professional experience in Strategic Development, Organizational Change, and Innovation in more than 25 countries. As a team leader, advisor, consultant, and educator Ned has facilitated complex systems change on 50+ projects and initiatives supported by the United Nations, World Bank and the European Union, among others. Ned has produced more than 40 reports, policy papers, strategies, methodologies, and roadmaps, and designed and delivered more than 45 training and educational programs. He has degrees in management, comparative politics, development policy, and his Ph.D. thesis focused on democratic governance. Ned is a candidate of Master of Design in Strategic Foresight and Innovation, and is currently finalizing his research on Platform Design.

Currently, Ned is advising the United Nations Development Group on Integrated Policy for the Sustainable Development Goals within a global fund operating in 12 countries on 45 projects. Ned is also supporting the UN Capital Development Fund on Partnership Strategy for a financial inclusion program; and the Empowering Futures Initiatives of the Global Centre for Public Service Excellence on new Strategic Foresight methodology. In Canada, Ned co-founded the Futures of Social Innovation at the Strategic Innovation Lab at OCAD University, where he focuses on Policy Design, Social Innovation Hub, Platforms and Social Impact.

**CHRISTINE MCGLADE** is the senior partner at Analytical Engine Interactive Inc., an innovation design consultancy that works with public service, education, and media organizations to design and implement digital business models. As a facilitator and educator Christine has facilitated workshops on topics related to Community Economic Development, Employee Engagement, and Technology Implementation. She has served as curriculum advisor at Centennial and Humber College, Guest Lecturer at Humber and George Brown College, and she teaches at Centennial College and OCAD University. Christine holds a BFA in Integrated Media from OCADU, a Certification in Internet Business and Technology from the University of Toronto and is a Masters of Design Candidate in the OCADU Strategic Foresight and Innovation program.

**ANNE CONNELLY** is the Vice Chair of the Board of Blockchain Canada, and an entrepreneur and consultant who has been in the blockchain space since 2012. She previously worked with Doctors Without Borders in the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of Congo and is passionate about blockchain technology and harnessing its potential to transform the lives of people in developing countries. Anne recently graduated from Singularity University's Global Solutions Program at NASA Ames. She also has a Bachelor of Life Sciences from Queen's University, an MBA from McMaster University, and a Fintech Certificate from MIT. Anne was honoured as one of CBC's 12 Young Leaders Changing Canada.

**KEITA DEMMING** is an innovation researcher, learning strategist, process designer, evaluator, and consultant. He currently leads Innovation and Development at The Covenant Group, a Toronto-based management consulting group. In his role, he works in the space of Applied Innovation and helps companies become Beautiful Organizations. Beautiful Organizations are idea driven and people centered. They foster cultures that embrace design, high-performance, foresight, strategy, and innovation. These organizations are wonderful places to work, play and belong. They have highly engaged and effective employees. When working Keita and his colleagues work with these organizations, they are not only helping them evolve into Beautiful Organization, they are helping them identify and implement plausible innovation opportunities. For his PhD thesis, he developed a framework for determining if organizations were engaged in innovation or merely aspiring or claiming to be doing innovation. He has worked internationally and in a variety of sectors within the field of innovation and social innovation. In his podcast Disruptive Conversations, Keita unpacks how people who are working to disrupt a sector or system think.

**NOEMI WEIS'** work as a Director, Writer and Producer is guided by a keen sense for compelling storytelling, integrity, and a fearless passion to tackle important human rights issues in an intimate, emotional and humane way. Her films continue to gain recognition, awards and distinctions but more importantly they make a difference by promoting human rights and social justice in communities around the world and giving a voice to the voiceless. Noemi's success in the entertainment industry is due to the experience, dedication and passion she brings to each one of her films after having spent over 20-years telling stories on the big and small screens, from her worldwide advertising projects, to her globally acclaimed documentaries.

Noemi is a proud member of UNESCO, Team Canada's Trade Missions and a Business Ambassador of Ontario, promoting the merits of Canadian production abroad. In this capacity, she participates in trade missions and has been honoured with the nomination of "Woman Entrepreneur of the Year" for three years in a row, the last one by Export Development Canada. She was nominated as a finalist for "Woman Entrepreneur of the World," as the sole Canadian nominee. As a humanitarian and an advocate leader Noemi brings her skills and love for humanity to every project as she continues to create and develop films to promote human rights and social justice.

**AMANI MASSOUD** is an Egyptian human rights defender and health advocate currently based in Toronto. She holds a Master of Public Health from the University of Alexandria with a specialization in health education and promotion, and an M.A. in human rights practice from the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. Between 2009 and 2014 she worked at the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights, first as Deputy Director of the Right to Health Program, and later as Director of Human Rights Education and Campaigns. Amani has also served as a consultant with a number of international organizations including the Fund for Global Human Rights, the International Development Law

Organization, and the UNAIDS. She is a regular contributor to a number of local and international online and print newspapers and websites, and has written extensively about health-related rights, the rights of people living with HIV, and the role of physicians and health professionals in protecting the right to health, and the role of civil society in promoting human rights.

## SPECIAL GUESTS

**MARJORIE BARNES** is your average Vietnamese-Chinese-German-Scottish-Irish girl with small town Southern roots. She leads the team at the School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE) Ontario, is the Canadian ambassador for the League of Intrapreneurs, and co-founded CLARION, a voluntary association dedicated to community-based emergency preparedness. Before moving to Canada, she regularly consulted on social and environmental sustainability with Fortune 500 multinational corporations in the financial, retail, extractives, fast-moving consumer goods, beverages, and transportation sectors. Professionally, Marjorie is most proud of having initiated and led HARITA (now R4), a project backed by global insurance giant Swiss Re. The project succeeded in creating one of the world's first viable micro-insurance products for climate change adaptation. Marjorie has held roles as an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at NESST, a social venture capital fund active in ten emerging economies, and as Senior Policy Advisor at Oxfam in the area of business and global poverty. She is a frequent speaker at industry conferences and academic institutions.

**ANGELIKA SEESCHAAF VERES** is an industrial designer, educator, and researcher utilizing an interdisciplinary, human centered approach to the design and making of furniture, products, retail interiors and fashion. In 2004 Angelika launched Eeaa design, a design studio in London UK. Eeaa explores the intersection of daily routines, human body, and space by developing products, furniture, retail interiors, and large-scale sculptures for internationally renowned clients such as Haworth Roeder, Nike, Herman Miller, Hayon Studio, and British artist Damien Hirst. Since 2011, Angelika has taught at OCAD U in the Industrial and Graphic Design department where she developed a new course in Sustainability and Systems Thinking, co-authored the newly implemented Industrial Design for Health & Wellness course, and taught Open Studio, an interdisciplinary course focused on Critical Design Thinking.

Her current research work with OCAD U's Data Materialization Lab and Zero Footprint Lab is assessing tools and methods to create customized products for anthropometric fit and biomechanical needs. This research explores customized approaches for the design of eyewear and every day products for people with dexterity issues due to arthritis or disabilities using 3D printing, mass and local manufacturing techniques and anthropometric data sets. In 2015, she launched a range of customizable eyewear with Toronto based start-up Guild eyewear.

**JAMES THUCH MADHIER** studies Peace, Conflict and Justice at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, and is at the forefront of social change. James served as a Community Mobilizer for the Girl Child Education Program in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya from 2012-2013. In November 2015, he won the Nudge Global Leadership challenge in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and went on a mission to Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire to investigate child slavery and poverty in cocoa farming. In April 2015, he was selected as a 'Future Leader' by the European Commission, to contribute to policymaking processes alongside other world leaders in Brussels. In September 2015, he was invited to the UN General Assembly Summit for the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals by the President of the UN General Assembly, and this February James was recognized as one of six OCIC Global

Changemaker Youth Ambassadors 2017, for his contributions to the work of World University Services Canada (WUSC).

James recently launched Rainmaker Enterprise, a social venture aimed at installing solar powered irrigation systems in South Sudan to enable sustainable agriculture to reduce poverty, hunger, and malnourishment, and to resolve inter-communal conflicts over limited water and pasture resources.

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