



## Strategy advocates voluntary standards for mining companies

Two years after the multi-stakeholder Advisory Group to the National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the Extractive Sector submitted its consensus report to the Canadian government, the government response ignores the report's central recommendations, such as making diplomatic and financial support for resource companies operating overseas contingent upon socially responsible conduct.

In 2006, the government launched a series of national roundtables to find ways to ensure Canadian mining companies operating abroad adhere to social responsibility standards. The process was recommended by the Commons' Foreign Affairs committee because of the frequency with which the committee was hearing complaints about environmental and labour standard violations in developing countries by Canadian companies. Canadian mining, oil and gas companies have been implicated in well-documented cases of human rights violations and environmental disasters worldwide. Problems include ecological damage and health problems due to contamination of water systems and the destruction of forests, loss of livelihoods due to loss of farmland, and suffering and death due to violent civil wars fuelled by the fight to control resources like diamonds, gold and coltan.

The roundtable included academics, civil society and the mining industry who came together to hammer out by consensus 27 recommendations for the government to implement to better monitor and respond to human rights and environmental concerns of Canadian companies' operations abroad.



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*A minor miner in Bolivia.*

Core among these recommendations was a complaints mechanism, in the form of an Ombudsman and a Compliance Review Committee, which incorporated the possibility of sanctions for Canadian extractive companies that were in serious breach of agreed-upon environmental and human rights standards. According to Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade "most Canadian companies have set standards for social responsibility when they go into another country." So, the government will encourage companies to abide by voluntary standards and reporting measures, while continuing to provide financial and technical assistance to mining companies.

Karyn Keenan of the Halifax Initiative ([www.halifaxinitiative.org](http://www.halifaxinitiative.org)) said the cre-

ation of an independent ombudsman and linking government support with proper behaviour was the key to the roundtable recommendations. Catherine Coumans of MiningWatch Canada, an advisor to the government and co-author of the final report, says "The Government of Canada has squandered the historic consensus reached by industry and civil society with respect to an effective compliance and complaints mechanism. The CSR Counselor position that the government has created instead of an Ombudsman is useless as it does not require compliance with CSR standards. It does not have a complaints procedure, and it does not include any possible form of sanction."

Given this very disappointing response from the government, MiningWatch Canada ([www.miningwatch.ca](http://www.miningwatch.ca)) is supporting Bill C-300, a private members bill tabled by Liberal MP John McKay in the House of Commons. Bill C-300, entitled Act respecting Corporate Accountability for the Activities of Mining, Oil or Gas in Developing Countries, closely reflects the recommendations of the Final Report to the CSR Roundtables – particularly with respect to the compliance and complaints mechanism. Information on Bill C-300 can be found at [www.parl.gc.ca](http://www.parl.gc.ca). To read a copy of the government's report visit the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada website at [www.international.gc.ca](http://www.international.gc.ca).

*For information about the Development and Peace "Bling Kills" Campaign, visit [www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org).*



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# SCIC REPORT

## SCIC People

This is a time of great change in the world, and at SCIC as well. We have bid farewell to Executive Director Lori Latta, who worked tirelessly to promote SCIC's goals at a local, provincial, federal and international level. Also moving on is Tracey Mitchell, our Education Officer, whose creativity, innovation, and courage invigorated SCIC's Youth Program. We would like to wish Vicki Nelson, SCIC's Youth Program Assistant, all the best as she embarks on an Engineers Without Borders Internship to Zambia. We are pleased to welcome Ian Temple, who is taking over the reigns of the Youth Program as the Global Education Program Assistant for the summer. Ian will be spearheading the SCIC Youth Do-It-Yourself Media Camp. We are also pleased to welcome back to SCIC, Colleen Walsh, who just returned from Uganda on a CIDA funded Daughters of Africa Internship. SCIC is in the process of hiring a new Executive Director – we will keep you posted.

## Funding Renewed

SCIC is pleased to announce that the Government of Saskatchewan has renewed SCIC funding for 2009-10. This means that SCIC can continue to fund overseas development projects through its Matching Grants in Aid Program and Saskatchewan Emergency Assistance Program, as well as Public Engagement Small Projects Fund (funded jointly by SCIC members and the Government of Saskatchewan). For more information about SCIC funding programs please visit our website at [www.earthbeat.sk.ca](http://www.earthbeat.sk.ca).

## SCIC AGM in the Fall

The SCIC AGM will take place on September 25 and 26 in Saskatoon at St. Joseph's Hall, 535-8th St E in Saskatoon. More information will follow shortly, so watch out for it.

## New Deadlines for Matching Grants in Aid Program

SCIC has moved its Annual General Meeting from June to September, and has changed the MGAP deadlines to November 1 and February 1.

## Saskatoon Office

SCIC's Saskatoon Office is temporarily closed until we can hire a full complement of staff. Please contact the Regina office at 757-4669 for assistance.

## News from CIDA

CIDA announced the renewal of the International Youth Internship Program (IYIP) for a period of 5 years from 2009-2014. Check out CIDA's website at [www.acdi-cida.gc.ca](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca) for updates on the new internships for 2009-2010.

## SCIC Sponsored Prize at Yorkton Film Festival

SCIC Board Member Hélène Tremblay-Boyko will present the SCIC sponsored Global Issues Prize at the Yorkton Short Film & Video Festival Gala on Saturday May 23, 2009 at the Gallagher Centre in Yorkton, SK. This prize will be awarded to the best film from any category that explores a global development issue through the lens of human rights and empowerment. For more information or to attend the Festival and Gala, visit the Festival's website at [www.goldensheafawards.com](http://www.goldensheafawards.com).



# Canada's greenhouse gas emissions still rising

**E**nvironment Canada delivered some bad climate change news on Earth Day of all days. New data released by the federal environmental agency shows Canada's greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise, which is further evidence of Canada's poor record when it comes to taking serious action on climate change. Highlights from the 2007 data include:

- Total greenhouse gas emissions for 2007 were 747 megatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. This is a 4.0% increase from 2006 emissions.
- Emissions in 2007 were approximately 26% higher than 1990 levels.
- Canada's emissions in 2007 exceeded our Kyoto Protocol target of 558.4 megatonnes by a whopping 33.8%.



- The most significant causes of emissions growth in Canada between 1990 and 2007 were due to large increases in oil and gas production, more motor vehicles and greater reliance on coal-powered electricity generation.

The international community is presently gearing up for the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference in December 2009, where an agreement on greenhouse gas reductions to replace the outgoing Kyoto Protocol will be formulated.

The summary of the Environment Canada report can be viewed at: [http://www.ec.gc.ca/pdb/GHG/inventory\\_report/2007/som-sum\\_eng.cfm](http://www.ec.gc.ca/pdb/GHG/inventory_report/2007/som-sum_eng.cfm)

## Celebrate World Fair Trade Day



It is easy to take action for global justice by purchasing fair trade products such as coffee, tea, dried fruit, chocolate, sugar, jewellery, art, clothing and handicrafts. Buying Fair Trade products creates opportunities for economically disadvantaged producers, ensures the payment of a fair price for goods and labour, improves working conditions for farmers, promotes gender equity, protects the environment, and enables capacity building for communities. While World Fair Trade Day falls on the second Saturday of May each year, make every day a fair trade day by switching to fair trade products at home, at work, at church, and when you purchase gifts for friends and family. Look for the logo! For more information visit [www.wfto.com](http://www.wfto.com) and [www.transfair.ca](http://www.transfair.ca).

## SCIC Big Ideas meetings for members

### Regina "Big Ideas" Meeting

Saturday, May 30, 6:00-10:00 pm  
Beer Brothers Bakery and Cuisine  
1821 Scarth Street

### "Looking Through a Micro-Macro Zoom Lens"

with Bill Curry and Dale Dewar  
Peace, Justice, Ecology, Economy, Community, Health – so many issues, such large concerns, all inter-related. With limited time and resources, how do we keep from being overwhelmed? We are challenged to fulfill Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), apply the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, achieve and sustain Cultures of Peace, affirm the Earth Charter, expand Education for Sustainability, abolish Nuclear Weapons and create Peace through Health. Through global and local linkages among issues,

countries and cultures around the world, each one of us may have a small part in Big Picture programs and campaigns. As extensions of one another, we multiply our combined vision, power and momentum.

### Saskatoon "Big Ideas" Member Consultation

Friday, June 12, 6:00-10:00 pm  
The Hilton Garden Inn,  
Commonwealth Ballroom  
90-22nd Street E. (at 1st Avenue)

SCIC invites its members and associate members to attend this wonderful networking opportunity. We need your input! We are currently planning our activities for 2009-10 and want to know how we can support our members in their work, as well as brainstorm ideas about engaging the public in international development and global issues.

# SCIC members in Nor Make a di



## Global Neighbors in Burma

Global Neighbors is a registered charity based out of Prince Albert that works with Burmese refugees and migrants who have crossed into Thailand due to extreme persecution and hardship within Burma. Each year Global Neighbors organizes several exposure tours which consist of teams from 12-20 people from Canada who are engaged in doing service projects that provide housing and education for displaced, orphaned and poor children. To date Global Neighbors has built an orphanage for 180 children, a teacher's residence, a daycare for 80 children, six portable classrooms as well as hundreds of desks and bunk beds.

Global Neighbors is currently developing 2 agricultural projects. One is in Mae Sot, Thailand, where Global Neighbors has provided agricultural land by way of a long term lease which will allow the refugees and migrants to earn their own money to pay for expenses as well as provide food for the children at the

school. At the school near Pho Phra there are 330 students along with 16 teachers who have a very difficult time to get enough funding to operate their school; but with this agricultural project, the school will be self sufficient in 3 years. An irrigation system will soon be in place which will make it possible to grow crops year around, and chicken and hog barns will be built in the fall.

The second project is a land purchase near Mae Sot which will be a working farm as well as an instructional site to provide training for students in agriculture. This farm property is some of the best land in the surrounding area, according to the locals. There is a well constructed concrete dam near the farm which diverts water to the land. The farm will produce two or three crops per year of rice, corn, sugar cane and vegetables. There is a large pond which is capable of raising 30,000 fresh fish per year. All the profits from this farm will be used to fund development projects in this area. In addition,

this will provide people with a steady income to help with local projects as well as create full time jobs for several people.

Global Neighbors has hired workers from the Mae La Refugee Camp, and their first order of business was to build a bamboo house for them to stay in while working on the farm. According to David Heppner, founder of Global Neighbors, the men as well as students love their new surroundings. There is a well treed stream around the perimeter which has proved to be a great source for fish, clams, frogs and water snakes.

The manager, Mr. Thawon is a very fine man with a wide range of experience; he is very good at problem solving as well as organizing the men. He received a phone call early one morning from the "cow dung team", a team of students collecting manure near Mae La Camp, which is bagged in rice sacks and spread over the land before planting. Mr Thawon's favourite line is "Don't worry, I'll look after it".

Global Neighbors purchased a tractor, which was able to push over several tree stumps with ease. They would have spent a good part of the day to do the same job by hand and are intrigued by the amount of work a tractor can do in just a short period of time. Global Neighbors is also working at setting up a small office with a computer and filing cabinet, along with storage for tools, as well as a bank account for the farm.

According to David Heppner, there are many challenges as well as moments of pure delight "we have only just begun and have already given hope and a new lease on life for the workers on the farm. I wish you could see their smiling faces and energetic step. Thank you to all our supporters for making it possible for us to help in such a significant way!"

For more information visit [www.gnci.ca](http://www.gnci.ca)

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## International Development Days in Prince Albert

On March 27 & 28, 2009, CHAKAM School of the Bible Inc., an Associate Member of SCIC, hosted "International Development Days" in the Gateway Mall, the largest indoor mall in Prince Albert. The exhibitors used interactive displays, hand-outs, slide shows, flags, and a showcase of cultural items from various countries. Throughout two full days hundreds of people passed by, talking to exhibitors and picking up information.

Eight organizations involved in international development in a variety of countries around the world set up displays at the event, including:

- Jubilation Program, which is currently working on a fair size housing project for young parents in two squatter communities in the sandhills surrounding Lima, Peru including Barranca and Tres Unidos de Matereni;
- Southern Sudan Humanitarian Action Development Agency, SSHADA, which is developing a Technical Trade School for returnees from the Southern Sudan conflict;
- CHAKAM School of the Bible Inc., working as a secondary partner in Peru, and as a lead partner in SSHADA's project in Southern Sudan;
- Western Office of the Canadian Training Institute is working in Tres Unidos de Matereni, Peru on the development of an indigenous exchange program between the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, the John Cochrane Band in Cumberland House and three tribal groups in the lower Peruvian jungle;

- Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan works in the areas of service, relief, peace, justice and development, and has placed 1,400 workers in 58 countries;
- The Church in Meath Park, a smaller organization doing international development work north of Lima, Peru;
- Carla Olsen, an independent international development worker, showcased her work with the Karen people on the border between Thailand and Burma; and
- The Foundation for Cross-Cultural Education, which gives educational scholarships for primary education, high school education and a certificate in community training to African students, mainly in Zambia and South Africa



The event was partially sponsored through SCIC's Public Engagement Project Fund. As a first attempt of this nature, it was a successful event which John Fryters, President/CEO of CHAKAM School of the Bible Inc. would like to repeat at least once a year.



# SCIC Youth

## Youth for International Development Do-It-Yourself Training

**July 21-25, 2009**  
**Calling Lakes Centre,**  
**Fort Qu'Appelle, SK**

The program involves 4 days of training for youth on issues and activism. The training builds the skills of participating youth to produce their own creative media on global issues such as climate change, HIV/AIDS, corporate control of the media and more. The training is staffed by professional artists, educators, and organizers.

After the training youth are encouraged to continue their work, and will be provided with ongoing opportunities for the publication and promotion of what they create.

The workshops that are being offered this year are:

**Film and Video** – learn how to shoot, edit and post video to the internet. Become an online activist by creating slick home-made video with issue-based content.

**Drawing and Comic Making** – improve your artistic skills and learn how to draw. Comics and art are great ways to educate, express and encourage!

**Theatre as Activism** – learn about creative ways to get people's attention and engage them about world issues. Flash mobs, radical cheerleading, Guerilla theatre and more!

Register before June 15 for only \$75.00. After June 15 the cost rises to \$100.00. **Deadline for registration is July 10, 2009.**

If you would like more information or to register visit: [www.youthbeat.org](http://www.youthbeat.org), email: [scicyouth@earthbeat.sk.ca](mailto:scicyouth@earthbeat.sk.ca) or call SCIC (306) 757-4669.

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Return completed forms to: SCIC, 2138 McIntyre Street., Regina, SK S4P 2R7  
or FAX to 306-757-3226. Register early to ensure your spot!



# CUSO-VSO Merger

## *Changing the world, one volunteer at a time*

**C**USO and VSO Canada have merged. By joining forces, the organization – to be known as CUSO-VSO – is Canada's largest international cooperation agency that works through volunteers. CUSO-VSO is the North American member of the VSO International Federation and will take a leadership role in two of the Federation's key programming areas – democratic governance & access to justice, and environment & natural resource management. Canadians will be able to apply for placements in any of VSO's programs in 42 countries in all regions of the Global South.

CUSO & VSO have parallel histories; they were both pioneers in the field of development and both have long believed in the ability of international volunteers to be agents of positive change. The original impetus for the VSO and CUSO model of volunteering was the notion of filling the skills gap in "newly emerging" societies. As countries in the Global South gained their political independence, they needed to build up their infrastructure, especially in health and education. CUSO and VSO volunteers were a valuable resource in those early years.

Over time, both VSO and CUSO have moved toward a "capacity-building" model of volunteer cooperation. The organizations now work in collaboration with partner organizations in the Global South, placing volunteers who work in solidarity not service with those partners – and who provide expertise that is sustainable and enduring.

While the methods of the two organizations are not identical, both share a value of respect for local partners groups in the developing world, and a commitment to work with people at the grassroots of change.

These are challenging times for those involved in overseas development. The reality is particularly daunting for civil society organizations, which seek to achieve positive change in the face of constraints that range from security concerns to politics, from economic to ecological.

In Canada, CUSO-VSO will be in a position to play a leadership role in the development NGO sector. On a world scale, with the addition of CUSO, the VSO federation will become the world's largest non-governmental volunteer-sending organization. Given that stature, it will have a strong and effective voice in the formation of development assistance policy at a global level.

By working together, CUSO & VSO Canada will be better able to:

- 1) ...use international volunteerism as a powerful tool for change – for both the individuals and the communities in which they serve where volunteers can contribute to community and human development, broaden their worldviews, and deepen cultural connections within the global community.
- 2) ...recruit the most experienced and committed overseas development volunteers from every corner of Canada, and also recruit from the United States.
- 3) ...recruit beyond the borders of North America. Overseas partner groups at the grassroots of change deserve the best volunteer for the job, regardless of country of origin. CUSO-VSO will recruit from Canada, the USA, Southern nations as well as from within the home nation of the development project to promote the sharing of knowledge and expertise within the Global South.
- 4) ...increase efficiency and effectiveness in volunteer recruiting and program delivery by sharing resources and 'best practices', and streamlining operational procedures to reduce overhead and administration costs and maximize the impact of development dollars in the field.
- 5) ...engage in policy debate and advocacy at a global scale.
- 6) ...support partner groups in all corners of the Global South and meet the development needs iden-

tified from the grassroots up with local groups to ensure that decisions are rooted in the knowledge and experience that overseas partners have of their communities.

7) ...transfer the expertise, experience and 'best practices' of one country to another. Through a cohesive global plan with interconnected development programs that focus development priorities on strategic themes and increase the likelihood of grassroots impact.

8) ...inform and engage the Canadian public on critical international development issues, and mobilize Canadians to become 'global citizens' to better engage in global advocacy and encourage more people to take action for a fairer world and a healthy global environment.

9) ...diversify sources of funding. In addition to support from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and VSO International, CUSO-VSO will now have access to ongoing financial support from the British Department for International Development (DFID), as well as increased access to European and international project funding.

10) ...attract new supporters, donors and champions. As a new organization seen to be innovative, expanding, and committed to reducing overhead costs to increase impact at the grassroots, CUSO-VSO will appeal to a new generation of citizens wanting to make a world of difference.

CUSO-VSO's new Executive Director is Derek Evans from British Columbia. He served through the 1990s as Deputy Secretary General of Amnesty International, and has led more than 70 international delegations in all world regions, primarily dealing with human rights and conflict resolution. Mr. Evans is also the author or co-author of 14 books on human rights and international development.

For more information visit [www.cuso-vso.org](http://www.cuso-vso.org) or contact Umeeda Umedaly Switlo at [umeeda.switlo@cuso-vso.org](mailto:umeeda.switlo@cuso-vso.org)

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## Upcoming Opportunities and Events

### TUESDAY, MAY 19

#### **We Are Many Action Summit**

TCU Place, 35 22nd St. E., SASKATOON

1:00-4:00 pm (reception at 12:30 pm)

WAM is hosting a WAM Action Summit to accommodate disparate bus schedules. Invitations went out to Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Mayor, City Councillors, school board officials, community groups, members of the public, university students and professors, etc. Also invited are high school teachers to bring students after having discussed the two WAM Action Plans (on transportation and bottled water, respectively) prior to the event. Students will share feedback in an interactive forum and agree upon a plan of action/timeline for the spring and summer of 2009 – on both a school-wide and civic level – and topics to cover at our fall summit. RSVP to [volunteer@wearemanyfestival.com](mailto:volunteer@wearemanyfestival.com) if you would like a copy of the Action Plans (to be released mid-April) ahead of time.

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

#### **SCIC "Big Ideas" Meeting "Looking Through a Micro-Macro Zoom Lens" with Bill Curry and Dale Dewar**

6:00-10:00 pm, Beer Brothers Bakery & Cuisine, 1821 Scarth Street, REGINA

SCIC Members and Associate Members are invited to dinner and a presentation by Bill Curry and Dale Dewar. For more information contact SCIC at 757-4669.

#### **Save the Children Strawberry Social**

2:00-4:00 pm, Broadway United Church Hall, 105 Broadway Avenue, REGINA

Entertainment will feature Irish Dancers. There will also be white elephant tables, knitting and baking tables. For more information contact Lorraine Garratt at 545-6693. \$3.00 per person

### THURSDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 4-6

#### **2009 North American Indigenous Food Symposium**

Muskoday First Nation and Travelodge Hotel, SASKATOON

Whether you're interested in knowing more about issues of food safety/sovereignty or just want to connect and create change, then this

symposium is for you. Join community leaders, farmers, teachers, policy makers and working groups for a three day gathering to advance efforts in support of the revitalization and protection of traditional and local food system. Registration fee includes all meals and travel to Muskoday. Early Bird April 8-May 6 – \$325.00, After May 6 – \$400.00, Students/Seniors/Low income – \$125.00 To register call 966-5539. For more information contact: Alex 966-2027.

### FRIDAY-MONDAY,

#### **JUNE 5-8**

#### **Shut Down the Tar Sands! Join us on a Pilgrimage to the Alberta Tar Sands**

Resistance to the tar sands "giga-project" is based on ecological, economic, social, gender, and indigenous critiques. The pilgrimage will be a form of education-in-action for the participants, community building, strengthening of conviction, making connections with local people already engaged in resistance, and networking with other anti-tar sands groups. It is also one moment in a longer-term struggle to shut the development down. Cost: \$225 (financial support available) For more information contact Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck [sanfordbeck@hotmail.com](mailto:sanfordbeck@hotmail.com) at 653 2544. Sponsored by St. Thomas Wesley United Church, Saskatoon. Application deadline: May 8.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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### SATURDAY & SUNDAY,

#### **JUNE 20 & 21**

#### **3rd Annual Craik Solar Fair, CRAIK**

Join engineers, teachers, scientists, home builders, environmentalists and citizens from across the province in a two day Solar Fair. Hosted by the Craik Sustainable Living Project (CSLP) and taking place within the CSLP'S Eco-Centre, renowned for its green design. Apply now for booth at the trade show. Space is limited so please register early. For more information and to register online visit: [www.craikecovillage.ca/](http://www.craikecovillage.ca/)

### JULY 21-25

#### **Youth for International Development Do-It-Yourself Training**

Calling Lakes Centre, FORT QU'APPELLE

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