



Asia-Pacific Working Group

WHO WE ARE

The Asia-Pacific Working Group (APWG) is one of three geographic working groups of the Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC). The APWG brings together NGOs, faith-based organizations, unions and solidarity groups from across Canada that have a specific interest in development, social justice, and human rights in Asia.

The APWG's purpose is to improve the impact of its members through collaborative reflection and analysis, including input from southern partners, and through the coordination of policy development, dialogue and learning. Membership is open to CCIC organizations with a policy and/or programme interest in Asia. Other organizations may also become members upon approval of the APWG Coordinating Committee.

WHAT WE DO

The APWG's mandate is to:

- Monitor and share analysis and information on Canada's international cooperation and foreign policy agenda in the Asia-Pacific region
- Provide a space for exchange of information and collaboration among members for policy dialogue and learning
- Promote the experience and perspectives of voices from Asia in policy dialogue and development
- Facilitate the sharing of lessons and good practice in policy and program work

In addition to the annual members' meeting, the APWG organizes many activities such as symposiums, roundtables and webinars with guest speakers as well as meetings with government representatives. The APWG also produces a weekly bulletin with news and events on international cooperation, Asia and Canada.

WHY JOIN THE APWG?

To be part of a national network of civil society organizations committed to development, social justice and human rights in Asia ! Benefits of membership:

- Help set the working group's agenda and policy positions, and engage in collective dialogue and advocacy with the government and other decision-making bodies.
- Meet with government officials and policy makers through events organized by the working group.
- Participate in learning events, member meetings, and policy-relevant research.
- Improve the quality and impact of your work through the sharing of experiences and lessons-learned on policy and programming issues.
- Be part of a network connected to the larger development community: Canadian CSOs, academics, government officials, consultants, researchers and the public.
- Share the perspectives of your Southern partners with Canadian CSOs, academics, government officials and the public, and learn from others' partners' views on development policies and programming.
- Ensure dialogue and action around working group priorities in CCIC's broader work plan.

MEMBERSHIP

Open to organizations with a policy and/or program interest in Asia-Pacific. A majority of participants must be CCIC members.

JOIN TODAY - CONTACT

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