

Expression of Interest

Global Affairs Canada is seeking a youth delegate and a Civil Society Organization (CSO) delegate to join the Canadian delegation to the UN Commission on Population and Development (CPD) annual session.

Application Deadline: February 27th, 2023

Brief Description:

The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) is a functional commission of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It is responsible for monitoring the implementation of key commitments made by 179 countries within the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) [Programme of Action](#) with respect to poverty reduction and inequality, population dynamics, nutrition and food security, and sustainable development. As a member of this commission, Canada works to advance key development priorities, including gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and human rights.

The [56th CPD session](#) will be held from April 10th to April 14th, 2023. The theme of the session is “Population, education and sustainable development.” This year’s session will be held in a hybrid format with mostly in-person participation.

Delegation

The Canadian delegation to the CPD annual session typically consists of delegates from Global Affairs Canada headquarters as well as from Canada’s Permanent Mission to the UN. Since 2019, Canada has also included a youth and a civil society organization (CSO) delegate on its official delegation, with delegates participating virtually in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Role of the youth and CSO delegates:

The youth and CSO delegates will:

- Help inform Canada’s engagement at the CPD by providing their perspectives on the negotiated resolution, the national statement and key issues related to the theme of the annual session (Education for 2023).
- Have the role of observers at side events, presentations in plenary, and other relevant meetings.
- Prepare a report with key takeaways, lessons learned and recommendations to GAC for future consideration, following the CPD session.

Delegation Selection Criteria

CSO Delegate

Eligibility:

- Registered non-governmental organization in Canada;
- Must be based in Canada and able to travel to New York City*;

- Organizational mandate is related to education, sustainable development, or gender equality with a domestic or international assistance focus;
- Organization is not already being represented by an international affiliate organization at the CPD.

Merit Criteria:

- The organizational mandate and key priorities align with, and contribute to, informing strategic priority matters on the CPD agenda;
- The organization's work has a direct alignment with the theme of the CPD session (population, education and sustainable development), either from a domestic or international perspective;
- The organization has access to a wide network of partners that can further enrich and inform Canada's engagement at the CPD;
- The organization has the technical ability and experience to give depth and breadth of advice.

Asset Criteria:

- Experience with the UN system or contributing input to international resolutions or processes;
- Ability to provide advice and input on CPD56 thematic issues from both a domestic and global perspective;
- Represents a diverse and inclusive network, including people of all gender identities, Indigenous peoples, racialized people, persons with disabilities and minority groups;
- Knowledge and/or experience working on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) issues;
- Bilingual.

Youth Delegate

Eligibility:

- Between the ages of 18 and 25;
- Must be based in Canada and able to travel to New York City*;
- Interest and understanding of sustainable development, education or gender equality with a domestic or international assistance focus; in Canada or within an international development context;

Merit Criteria:

- Experience related to sustainable development, education, gender equality, international development or advocacy.

Asset Criteria:

- Experience with the UN system or contributing input to international resolutions or processes;
- Ability to provide input and advice from both a domestic and global perspective;
- Knowledge and/or experience working on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) issues;
- Bilingual.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Applicants who have been selected in previous years as a member of the Canadian delegation to the CPD will not be considered for this process.
- Global Affairs Canada will reserve the right to cancel the selection process, or select an alternative candidate at any point in the selection process.
- Delegates must be available on an ad hoc basis (approximately 2 to 3 hours per week) from mid-March to late-April 2023 (and 7+ hours during the formal week of April 10 to 14, if participating virtually) for written consultations and participation in various events.
- ***There is an opportunity to travel to New York. If a candidate is unable to travel, the candidate will still be able to participate virtually**

Interested candidates must apply here: [Youth | CSOs](#) before February 27th, 2023, 11:59 pm (Atlantic time). Please note: only those selected for further processes will be contacted. Thank you for taking the time to apply.

For any questions, please contact michelle.rugamba@international.gc.ca