RESEARCH FOR IMPACT: SCHOLAR/PRACTITIONER GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS IN CANADA

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Research for Impact

Scholar/Practitioner Global Development
Research Partnerships in Canada

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Why Collaborate?

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

A stronger commitment to partnership and and cooperation is needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. That effort will require coherent policies, an enabling environment for sustainable development at all levels and by all actors and a reinvigorated Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

NEXT GENERATION

COLLABORATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

a CCIC-CASID program

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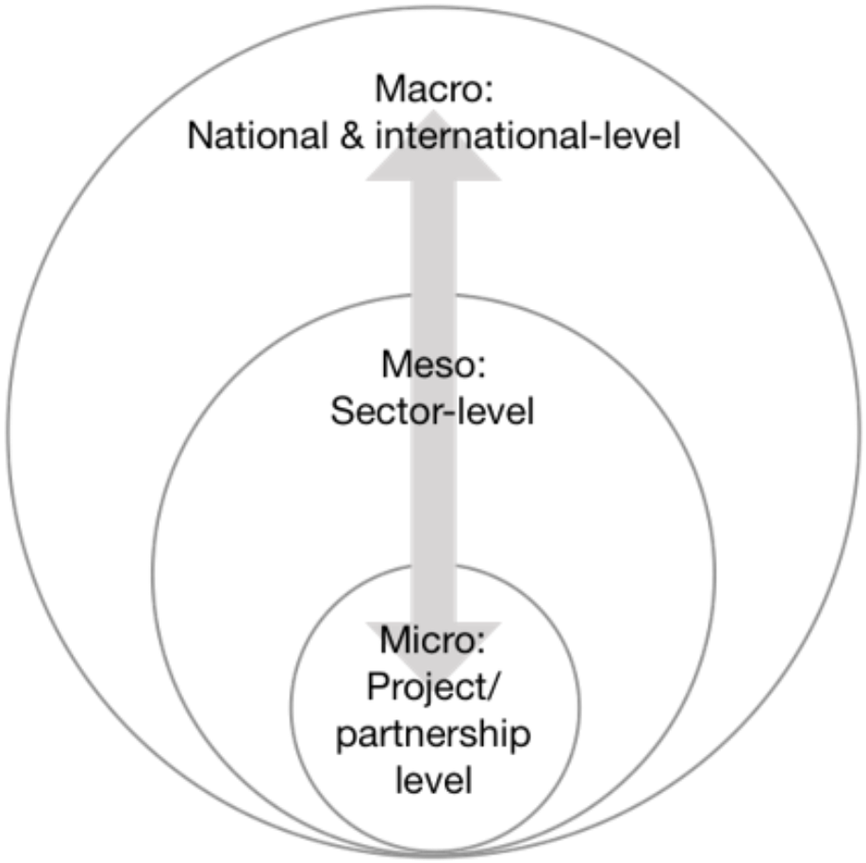
Multiple Case Study

Research Questions

1. What are some of the characteristics of structures, systems, and conditions that either contribute to or prevent fair, equitable, effective and impactful academic-CSO research partnerships in Canada?

2. How do power dynamics play into academic-CSO research partnerships in Canada?

Research Partnerships



Power dynamics in research partnerships are embedded in **interconnected systems**

Participants are continually mediating a range of **environments** (micro, meso and macro) that influence how they interact in research partnerships

Case	Research domain	Research Timeframe	Funding source(s)	Research methods	Academic(s) field(s)	CSO(s) Sector(s)
C001	Legal Justice and Prosecution of International Crimes	2016–2021	SSHRC	Various research projects	Law & Justice	Legal Clinics & Social Justice
C002	Financial Systems for Agricultural Innovations	2015-2018	IDRC	Randomized control trials	Economics	Finance & Agriculture
C003	African-based Literacy Research	2017-2018	CSO Core funding	Landscape studies	Education	Literacy
C004	Sustainable Livelihoods & Income Generation	2016-2018	SSHRC and GAC	Randomized control trials	Business & Management	Poverty Reduction
C005	International Volunteering in Development	2016-2018	SSHRC and ESDC	Surveys, interviews	International Development	International volunteering
C006	Food Security	2015-2020	GAC	Randomized control trials	Food Security & Nutrition	Poverty Reduction
C007	Climate Change Impacts in Indigenous Communities		Not funded	Various; community knowledge	Indigenous Studies	Sustainability & Social Justice

Cross-case Findings

AT THE MESO/INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL….

Institutional incentives focused on academic outcomes

Scholarly outputs often not easily accessible to CSOs or Southern partners

Engagement with scholars from the global South

Methodological protocols can cause some tension with CSOs

Cross-case Findings

AT THE MESO/INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL….

Lack of time, lack of funding, and lack of dedicated human resources

Institutional memory of research projects

Commitment of higher-level organization members

Difference in knowledge-dissemination needs

CSOs as thought-leaders

Cross-case Findings

AT THE MICRO LEVEL….

Partners emphasized the importance of clear project design based on shared understanding of each other's work and motivations, and clear agreements around roles and responsibilities of partners and institutions

AT THE MACRO LEVEL….

Partnerships and and research projects designed, in part, to reflect national and international development priorities in order to access federal funding

Implications for Research Partnerships

Establish clear and open lines of communication

Redefine incentive structures to help catalyze a whole range of new partnerships

Opportunities to build capacity, knowledge and practice of organizational staff

Integrate research and research partnerships into your organizational DNA

Rethink funding structures to create incentives that catalyze traditional and non-traditional academic-practitioner partnerships

Policy Implications

WGSI Partnership with Affordable Energy for Humanity Initiative

OPEN ACCESS ENERGY

- Open Access Energy Partnership #Blueprint
- Establish and nurture partnerships on the path to energy access
- Creating a fair marketplace
- Effective entrepreneurship for energy access
- Energy access challenges in Canada's remote indigenous communities

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AE4H
Global Change Initiative

WGSI Partnership with
Sustainable Development Solutions Network Canada

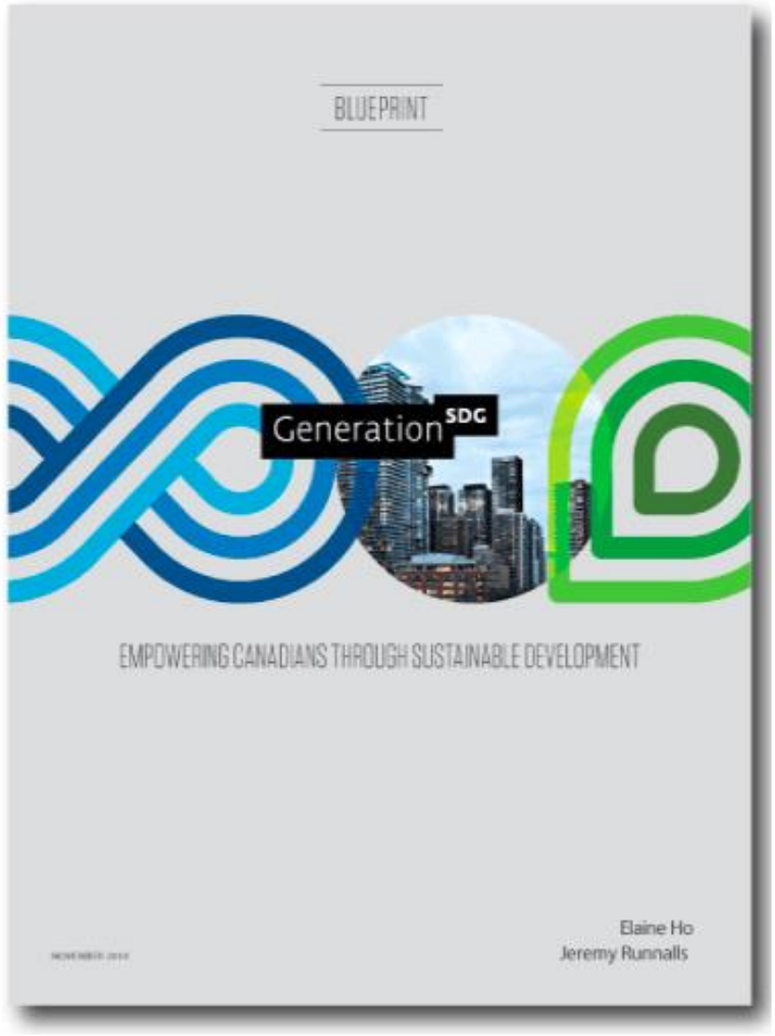
Generation SDG

What resources, planning strategies and accountability structures communities in Canada will need to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

How do we catalyze the most impactful and coordinated actions to ensure effective implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals in Canada?

Generation SDG Summit (April 22-25, 2018)

Generation SDG Blueprint



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Evidence Tree

What does your organization understand by the term research?

What evidence preferences exist in your sector?

What types of research practices/outputs deepen understanding or lead to meaningful change?

Consider your experience in research partnerships

(Rethinking Research Partnerships: Discussion Guide & Toolkit, 2017)

Evidence Tree

ROOTS (the rationale for evidence): The agendas, incentives and motivations that drive the production of evidence. ° The values, principles and politics that frame production of evidence.

TRUNK (processes of evidence production): The ways in which evidence is generated or collected (the methods, principles and ethics). The resources that support collection of evidence.

BRANCHES & FRUIT (evidence outputs): Forms that the evidence takes. How evidence is disseminated. Reach or influence of evidence.

CLIMATE (the other factors that nurture or challenge the tree) The conditions which support or hinder the production of evidence. Ways in which evidence interacts with other elements. Ask the groups to draw and label their own evidence trees.

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Thank you!

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