

**Annex 1 to Canada Without Poverty and Partners' Joint Submission to the Human Rights Council  
on the Occasion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Universal Periodic Review of Canada**

**Description of Organizations**

***Canada Without Poverty, Ottawa, Ontario***

Founded in 1971 and operating as a leading national anti-poverty organization, CWP has represented low-income populations in Canada for over 40 years. Many of CWP's members are living in poverty and our Board of Directors is comprised of people with direct, personal experience of poverty, both past and present. With a pan-Canadian reach, CWP is often called upon by parliamentary committees, civil society, and the media to speak about poverty as it relates to various stages of the life-cycle and vulnerable demographic groups. In 1993, under our former name, the National Anti-Poverty Organization (NAPO), CWP was the first NGO to undertake an oral presentation before a UN treaty body. Since that time, CWP has participated in many United Nations reviews including several treaty body reviews and the most recent Universal Periodic Review of Canada.

***Alternatives North, Yellowknife, the Northwest Territories***

Alternatives North is a coalition of church, labour, environmental, women and anti-poverty groups and individuals that works for social, economic and environmental justice.

***BC Poverty Reduction Coalition, Vancouver, British Columbia***

The BC Poverty Reduction Coalition is a coalition of over 70 Coalition Members and over 400 supporting organizations that have joined the call for a bold and comprehensive poverty reduction plan from the government of British Columbia that would include legislated targets and timelines to significantly reduce poverty, inequality and homelessness.

***The Canadian Poverty Institute, Calgary, Alberta***

The Canadian Poverty Institute is a national institute based at Ambrose University that is dedicated to research and teaching on the root causes of poverty in order to inform policy and practice leading to the eradication of poverty in Canada.

***The Downtown Mission of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario***

The Downtown Mission (founded in 1972), exists as a place of sanctuary. In response to the mandate of the Gospel, through outreach we provide: food for the body, nurture for the spirit, shelter for the homeless, advocacy for the impoverished, and opportunity for human growth. Its vision is to be a self-directed sustainable charitable social service organization grounded in the Christian faith, proactively addressing and meeting the needs of the homeless and disadvantaged of the Windsor area, well recognized and supported by the community.

### ***Fredericton's Community Action Group on Homelessness, Fredericton, New Brunswick***

Fredericton's Community Action Group on Homelessness is a joint initiative of over 30 non-profit organizations, government representatives and community leaders working together to end persistent, long-term homelessness in Fredericton.

### ***Grassroots Organizations Operating Together in Sisterhood (GROOTS Canada)***

GROOTS Canada is a network of women engaged in community organizing, community economic development, housing issues and leadership development of women directly affected by poverty and oppression. GROOTS Canada was very active in the process leading up to the 1996 Habitat II Istanbul and in the follow-up. Several members of GROOTS Canada attended both Habitat 2 and Habitat +5, five years later in New York. We continue to work on women and housing issues, community leader development and economic development.

### ***The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction***

The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction works to build understanding about the need to invest in poverty reduction to create a healthier, inclusive and more prosperous Hamilton. We work locally, provincially and nationally on policy and systems-level change to achieve long-term solutions to poverty. Our members come from sectors across the community and more than half are individuals with the lived experience of poverty or social exclusion.

### ***The Niagara Poverty Reduction Network, Niagara Region, Ontario***

The Niagara Poverty Reduction Network (NPRN) is a regional collective of over 30 members from the health, social, education, and business sectors, along with individuals who currently live in poverty. NPRN is working to wipe out poverty in Niagara through public information, collaboration, and advocacy to address poverty's root causes.

### ***The Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry, Regina, Saskatchewan***

The Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry is a social justice ministry of the Wascana Presbytery of the United Church of Canada. Our work is conducted in three ways; we provide individual advocacy for people on social assistance in Saskatchewan, provide public education on poverty issues, and we challenge systemic discrimination and promote policies to eradicate poverty.

### ***The Temiskaming Native Women's Group***

### ***The Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition, Whitehorse, the Yukon***

For over 20 years, the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition (YAPC) has been facilitating the elimination of poverty through awareness, advocacy and action. With a membership of over 400 individuals and organizations they: build strategies and partnerships to reduce poverty in Yukon; help provide a voice for Yukoners living in poverty; coordinate actions and information campaigns on poverty; and advocate for systems change to support individuals and organizations.