



The North-South Institute



*research for a fairer world*



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The North-South Institute is dedicated to eradicating global poverty and enhancing social justice through research which promotes international cooperation, democratic governance, and conflict prevention.

It is Canada's first independent, non-governmental and non-partisan research institute focused on international development.

The NSI provides research and analysis on foreign policy and international development issues for policy-makers, educators, business, the media and the general public. For more than 25 years NSI has built a reputation for sound, credible analysis of pressing issues related to global development.

The Institute's research results, publications, and seminars, help foster understanding, discussion and debate about the challenges facing Canadians and the citizens of the developing world.



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Researching alternatives

Influencing policy

Reducing poverty

Increasing fairness

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## **OBJECTIVE, COMPETENT, EFFECTIVE...**

The North-South Institute's key strength is to offer objective policy analysis. Its researchers are recognized for being on the cutting-edge of issues in international development and for their commitment to working with partners in the South. Through *Research for a fairer world*, the NSI seeks to present the facts and offer policy alternatives, so that Canadians and others, can encourage meaningful and practical changes in national and international policies affecting poor people and countries.

The North-South Institute's research examines the role of the public and private sectors, and of civil society in Canada's relationships with developing countries. Its research supports global efforts to increase aid effectiveness; strengthen governance and accountability; prevent conflicts, promote equitable trade and commercial relations; improve international financial systems and institutions; and enhance gender equality.

The NSI's research program concentrates on three key areas listed on the following pages.



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*“The North-South Institute symbolizes what many of us deem to be a Canadian attribute: the capacity to look beyond our borders to a larger world and offer well-thought-out, impartial and pragmatic solutions to the challenges of our time. It makes me proud to be a Canadian.”*

- Beth Haddon,  
Managing Director of Programming at TV Ontario

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## **FINANCE, DEBT AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE**

Burdensome debt, inadequate financing for development, marginalization of the poorest countries, volatile international financial markets - all have created tremendous hardship for the citizens of the developing world. NSI research projects promote economic alternatives to transform financial structures that have historically excluded developing countries. From renewing the International Financial Institutions, to increasing development assistance, to examining the results of debt-reduction initiatives and the value of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers, The North-South Institute seeks a greater voice and increased fairness for developing nations.

## **TRADE, LABOUR, AND MIGRATION**

Globalization is having a wide-range of effects – positive and negative – on different peoples and regions. Institute researchers are assessing the impact of globalization on poverty by studying: the economic and social dimensions of migration and labour mobility; the implications of trade agreements for health services and gender equality; and the impact of trade on women. Such assessments are needed to identify policies which ensure that trade and investment improve the lives of poor people.

## **GOVERNANCE, CIVIL SOCIETY AND CONFLICT PREVENTION**

Strengthening democracy demands analysis to determine which policies work to prevent conflict, build community, and improve governance structures. Research in this area focuses on issues ranging from our ability and willingness to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, to the relationships between the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Trade Organization. Sustainable peace-building and the rights of Indigenous Peoples are also key areas of NSI policy research.

*“The North-South Institute is founded on the conviction that events in developing countries matter to Canadians and, conversely, that Canadians behaviour can affect, for good or ill, events internationally.”*

- Gerry Helleiner,

Professor of Economics at the U of T and NSI founder.

Improving  
governance

# Making a **difference** by sharing results



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## COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Institute promotes public discussion by publishing and promoting research results, as well as by hosting and participating in seminars, workshops and conferences on leading development topics. In addition, the NSI provides information on a broad range of international issues to the media and general public.

Our publication tools include books, briefing papers, conference reports, speeches and our biennial, bilingual, magazine - *Review/Revue*.

The Canadian Development Report is the NSI's flagship annual publication. The CDR includes topical essays on international development as well as a comprehensive statistical annex which provides a road-map of Canada's relations with developing countries.

The NSI also makes extensive use of our website to further distribute our press releases, event advisories, presentations, electronic books, and audio files. A catalogue of our publications is also available by visiting [www.nsi-ins.ca](http://www.nsi-ins.ca). Those interested in following the work and activities of the Institute 'online' can do so by subscribing to our NSI News listserv.



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*“The Institute has played an important leadership role in the global dialogue on ways to ensure that policies for economic success take appropriate account of the human dimension. The Institute has made an important contribution to the development of a sound public policy approach to the wide range of challenges associated with globalization.”*

- The Honourable Paul Martin,  
on the occasion of NSI's 25th anniversary

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# Making a **difference** by sharing results...



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## ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING

The North-South Institute is governed by a Board of Directors from a variety of Canadian constituencies including business, media, public policy, education and the voluntary sector. Directors bring to the Institute a diversity of experience in international affairs.

A small professional staff carries out The North-South Institute's research, communications and general administration. The Institute's work is enriched by a steady flow of student interns and volunteers.

The North-South Institute is non-partisan and receives funding from several sources, including a grant from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Other funding comes from foundations and institutions, corporations and individuals, and commissioned research.

The public is invited to support *Research for a fairer world* by donating to The North-South Institute's important work.

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*“NSI's research is solid, reliable, and relevant to Canadian policy. Their reports are essential tools for keeping Oxfam's staff well-informed, and for making credible, effective arguments when we and other development NGOs dialogue with government. The North-South Institute is a pillar holding up the policy work of Canada's development community.”*

- Mark Fried,  
Communications and Advocacy Coordinator,  
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