

**CanWaCH**

Canadian Partnership for  
Women and Children's Health



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# Meaningful Youth Engagement in Global Health Dialogue



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# About CanWaCH

We work to convene Canadian collaboration among members who are improving women's and children's health in 1,000 communities worldwide.



*Credit: Health Partners International Canada*





# How We Work

- Capitalizing on the data revolution
- Connecting Experts
- Communicating impact to Stakeholders



*Credit: HealthBridge Foundation of Canada*

# CanWaCH and Adolescent Health

- Alignment with Feminist International Assistance Policy and achievement of Agenda 2030
- Adolescents as key drivers and recipients of the value of achieving the SDGs
- Members working to close persistent gaps in sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and girls.



*Credit: Plan International Canada*



# Unleashing the Power of a Generation



*Panel of Young Leaders,  
CanWaCH 2017*



*Natalia Kanem,  
CanWaCH 2017*

## Key Outcomes

- Building Momentum and Awareness for Global Adolescent Health
- Launch of two key international guiding documents for adolescent health
  - Women Deliver and PMNCH: Advocacy Toolkit for Adolescents
  - Global Accelerated Action for the Health of Adolescents (AA-HA!): Guidance to Support Country Implementation
- Canadian Government and Civil Society as a Leader in Global Health



# Conference Youth Council (CYC)





## CYC: Objectives



*Reina Foster, CYC Member*

- Support meaningful youth representation, participation and attendance
- Define key points of discussion within the four conference thematic areas (nutrition, SRHR, mental health, and data)
- Provide input into the conference program by supporting the selection of speakers and helping to identify youth speakers
- Planning and delivering a presentation to conference attendees and high-level guests

## CYC: Tips and Tools



*CYC members*

- Strong partnerships
- Adequate funding and resources
- Incorporation of technology
- Dedicated staff
- Committed and responsible CYC members
- Mainstreaming of youth speakers and youth participation throughout the conference planning and agenda





# CYC: Lessons Learned



*CYC members*

- Timing
- Diversity of voices
- Participation and visibility



*Access the full report at [CanWaCH.ca](http://CanWaCH.ca)*

## CYC: Key Accomplishments

- Prioritized the meaningful engagement and inclusion of youth participants in all stages of the conference planning and execution
- Provided a platform for developing strong connections and fostering collaboration among a group of youths from different parts of the world
- Provided a leadership development and networking opportunity for CYC members
- Positioned the conference as a youth-friendly event



## CYC: Testimonials

**“ Being a member of the conference Youth Council was one of the best experiences I’ve had in my life. I left the conference with a feeling of great accomplishment and couldn’t wait to do more. ”**

**“ I was so inspired by the discussions at the conference and the energy to continue my work in adolescent health advocacy. I also made great contacts that will be helpful in my work. ”**

**“ The cooperation amongst all the members and the great exchange of experience and expertise from each and everyone. I really appreciated how the CanWaCH team was so hands on and was very interactive. Meaningful youth participation was always taken into consideration. ”**



# CYC: Success Stories

"The CanWaCH Global Adolescent Health Conference was big spark to our energy, passion and commitment as young people towards advancing advocacy for adolescent and youth empowerment for promotion of SRHR."

- Patrick



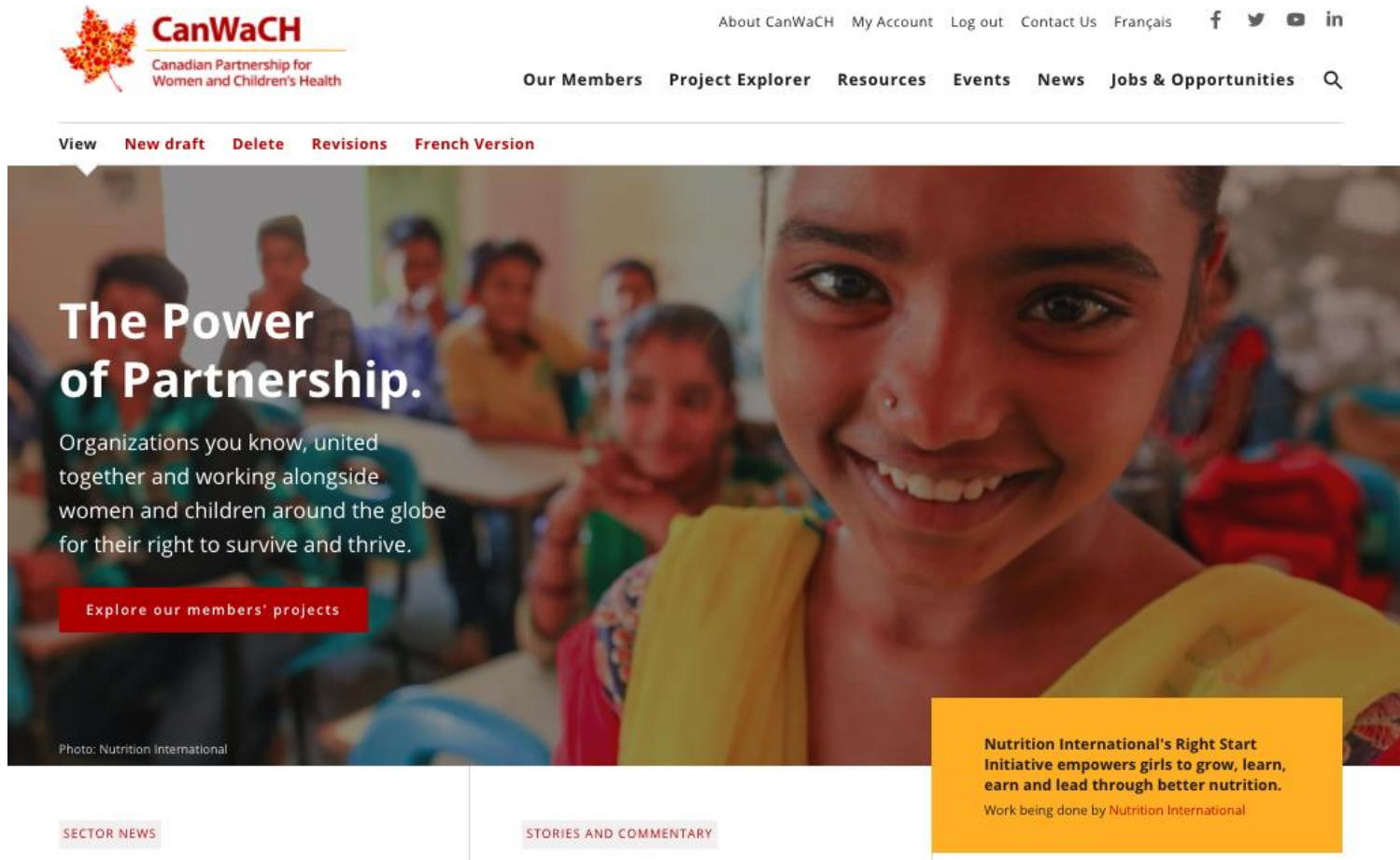
*Patrick Mwesigye, CYC member*



*Zanele Mabaso, CYC Member*



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