



OCIC Development Principles

Preamble: *The Council recognizes that global justice requires the transformation of social structures and changes in human relations to reflect the following principles:*

Human Rights and Basic Human Needs

1. Every human being has the right to her/his basic human needs: adequate food, clean water, housing, health care, education, and employment.
2. Equal civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights for all humankind are the foundation for freedom, justice, and peace in the world.
3. Given the connection of racism to historical and contemporary forms of economic exploitation, all forms of oppression and discrimination of peoples and individuals based on race and colour must be eliminated.
4. Development requires the elimination of all forms of inequality, exploitation, and discrimination of peoples and individuals based on factors including national origin, ethnicity, religion, language, class, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and age.
5. We believe in a development process, which respects cultures and local realities, and affirms the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
6. Development must be redefined placing the development of civil society at its centre with economic, political and social systems serving basic human needs.

Global Resource Stewardship

7. Redistribution of the world's resources should meet basic human needs everywhere.
8. Resources must be controlled locally to serve the needs of local populations in an equitable manner.
9. Global production and consumption levels must be addressed in the development process. Disproportionate consumption levels in the North lead to a systemic lack of resources to fulfill basic human needs in the South.

Democratic Societies and Governance

10. Participatory, cooperative and inclusive processes are vital in the struggle for development and global justice. Political and public office positions must be accessible to all citizens and those in positions of power must be fully accountable.



11. Global justice requires equal participation of women and men in political and economic decision-making. The historical power imbalance between women and men must be addressed through analyses of structural inequities with concrete strategies/practices to guarantee equal access to power, wealth, and resources, and fair compensation for work performed.

12. Global justice respects the right of indigenous peoples to self-determination, self-government, and to territorial claims, including the resources within their territories.

13. Conflicts require peaceful solutions. Resources allocated for arms production and export must be redirected towards the fulfillment of basic human needs.

Mandate

14. OCIC shall encourage the development and sharing of resources for participatory global education in the province of Ontario by facilitating networking and capacity building within its membership.

15. OCIC is committed to being a learning and democratic organization with inclusive cooperative and participatory processes that are accessible and accountable to all members.