

Dear I-CAN Partner,

I'm writing to update you on activities pursued by the I-CAN project, and to ask you for an accounting of the "In-Kind" or "Cash" contributions made to the project by your organization over the last year. In principle, I-CAN is a single integrated project funded from two sources through the "International Partnerships for Sustainable Societies" program (IPaSS): the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Although all project activities are relevant to an accounting of matching expenditures, it is only the SSHRC that asks for matching funds, under McGill's responsibility. "Matching funds" = any contribution from a partner organization that help supports any I-CAN activities, whether in the form of Cash or other "In-Kind" contributions, which can include space used, time dedicated, resources used, etc.

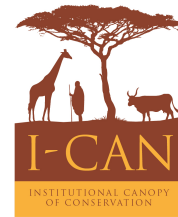
PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Students. Attachment 1 presents a list of graduate and undergraduate students engaged in the I-CAN project and their field research activities, often carried out in collaboration with a partner organization in Kenya and Tanzania. MA and Ph.D students studying in Canadian partner universities (McGill, University of Victoria, and Carleton University) include 4 from Kenya and Tanzania and 5 from Canada. Project students from Canada are mainly funded from other Canadian sources, with available SSHRC funds used primarily for our students from East Africa. At least one graduate student is working in each project site, so overall will produce theses dealing with all sites. McGill has also recruited 6 undergraduate interns for each of the last 2 years who have been working closely with partner organizations in Olkiramatian (SORALO), Narok/Maji Moto (ILEPA), and Laikipia (IMPACT), each of whom has submitted a report on the sites in which they have worked, reflecting their experiences. In the future we can recruit interns to work in other sites, depending on your interest. Graduate students have also been recruited by the Capacity Building Working Group, who are studying in local universities with support from the IDRC budget.

The Research Program. Together with partners from Africa, Canada-side participants have pursued research planning and site-based research in Kenya and Tanzania. Dr. Jacques Pollini is a Research Associate at McGill who is coordinating planning and implementation of our field research program. Since he joined the project in mid-2015, Dr. Pollini has developed a series of research tools, including planning for a baseline study and household and village surveys and quick case studies. In collaboration with partner organizations and research assistants from each site, and in some cases with project graduate students and interns, case studies have been carried out in numerous project sites since October 2015 (see attachment for a list). Under the leadership of Prof. Nicolas Kosoy, community focus groups were convened in Laikipia, Isiolo and Samburu Counties, Kenya, to discuss conservation attitudes and values, a line of research that will be continued this year. Attachment 2 lists the sites and participants where quick case studies were carried out, the reports generated, and follow-up activities we anticipate pursuing. Reports have been shared with local partners and are in the process of being edited before being disseminated more broadly. While serious situations involving pastoral livelihoods, conservancy development, and conservation of biodiversity occur in every project site, it must be noted that Laikipia and Loliondo are experiencing especially critical conflicts and challenged to land rights, reflected in the reports. Other activities at McGill include compiling all available publications on



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conservation and conservancies and pastoral land and livelihoods in East Africa, analyzing household data from 9 sites in Kajiado and Narok, and finalizing the preparation of a project website.

Planning Meetings and Conferences

Attachment 3 lists meetings held and conferences attended and organized. The list includes 8 meetings held in Canada with I-CAN participants, either strictly for project planning or as part of the larger umbrella body on Indigenous Conservation and Development Alternatives (CICADA), organized out of McGill University, of which I-CAN is a part. We also list three meetings we are aware of, organized by ACC in East Africa, including the Rangeland Congresses and I-CAN Stakeholders Workshops. Other meeting may have been held. Although not an exhaustive list, we also include a list of 5 conference sessions or academic workshops that were organized by or attended by I-CAN members, where results of I-CAN research were presented. In each case, we have tried to list I-CAN participants who attended each meeting, whether university researchers, organizational partners from Africa, or graduate students.

ACCOUNTING FOR MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

I would like to ask each partner organization to identify what contributions of time, space, or resources they have made to the I-CAN project over the last year (April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017) so they can be reported to SSHRC as part of our ‘matching’ commitments. These contributions may involve time spent interacting or communicating with other I-CAN participants, or with McGill or ACC, or directly in pursuing the activities listed in the three attachments: in research planning and pursuits, accommodating interns, participating in planning meetings or conferences, or communicating about any of these pursuits. Even if we did not enumerate activities carried out through the auspices of ACC here, these still ‘count’ towards matching amounts and should be included. All of these contributions should be enumerated in the attached Contribution Statement for Year 3.

Last year, many of you filled in the Contribution Statement for Year 2, so it is likely that this year you have made a similar contribution. For those of you who did submit the Contribution Statement for Year 2, it has been included in the series of attachments. If you are unsure about how to ‘cost’ out time spent or space allocated or resource committed, please be in touch with us. Last year Bernard Pelletier provided administrative support as we asked for your matching contributions; this year Anne-Elise Keen will provide the same support. Reporting on matching contributions is a commitment we made as part of the I-CAN award, so we would appreciate your timely response. Please respond to Anne-Elise by Friday, August 25th, with copies to Jacques and me. If you should have any questions, please reach out to us and we will provide advice and help.

With best wishes,

John G. Galaty, Project Co-Director and Principal Investigator for the SSHRC grant