



Application for Accreditation at the 7th Session of the OEWG on Ageing,

December 12-15, 2016

Organization Purpose

The International Longevity Centre (ILC) Canada is an independent think tank affiliated with the University of Ottawa and established in 2015 as a member of the International Longevity Centre Global Alliance. Our purpose is to propose evidence-based ideas and guidance for policies addressing population aging with a view to bettering the lives of older Canadians in an age inclusive society. We do this through knowledge development and exchange, preparation of policy briefs, social mobilization, and networking with academia, civil society and government organizations at all levels.

Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons

ILC Canada is a rights-based organization, advocating for the full social inclusion of older persons and recognition and protection of their inherent human rights and dignity in all areas. Relevant activities include:

- Collaboration with ILC Brazil and the ILC Global Alliance in the preparation and public release of the report *Active Ageing – A Policy Response to the Longevity Revolution* (ILC Brazil, 2015) at the United Nations headquarters. This framework is explicitly rights-based and recommends national policies that protect and advance the rights of older persons.
- Participation in Stakeholder Group on Ageing, a civil society coalition representing older persons in the development of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). ILC Canada spoke at a session of the United Nations in March 2015 to advocate for the inclusion of older persons in SDG targets and indicators and subsequently provided technical advice on measurable indicators to monitor progress towards the SDGs.
- Organization with the University of Ottawa of an Age-Friendly Business Forum (May 02-04, 2016) to dispel myths and stereotypes about older persons and to foster more age-inclusive consumer and employment practice.
- Policy consultation to the Government of Canada, specifically to Employment and Social Development Canada and to Health Canada to recommend a range of improvements to support health, independence, and social and economic wellbeing of older persons

- Letter to the Minister of Health recommending increases in mental health promotion and mental health care programs for older persons
- Letters to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister for Children, Families and Social Development, and the Minister for Global Affairs advocating Canada's support for a United Nations convention on the human rights of older persons
- Letters to the Prime Minister of Canada and Minister for Children, Families and Social Development decrying ageist statements by top echelons of the Public Service of Canada
- Preparation on behalf of the ILC Global Alliance of a written statement in response to the final report released by the Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of the Human Rights of Older Persons
- Co-organization with the University of Ottawa and the Grandmothers Advocacy Network of a forum to be held December 5, 2016 to draw attention to the needs and human rights of older women in Africa and Canada and to ways of protecting their rights, including through a UN convention on the rights of older persons.

Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level

See attached letter of confirmation by the International Longevity Centre Global Alliance. (Annex 1)

Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements, and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions

See appended the first (October 2015) (Annex 2) and second (October 2016) (annex 3) annual reports, and the audited financial statement for the first year of operation (pdf file accompanying this application for accreditation).

Financial sources and contributions are:

University of Ottawa - \$75,000 CAD (in-kind office space and equipment)
 Gowlings WLG - \$40,000 CAD (in-kind legal advice)
 Shirley Greenberg - \$100,000 CAD (donation)
 Grieve Family - \$60,000 CAD (donation)
 Marjorie Gillis In Memoriam - \$1,200 CAD (donation)
 Eldercare Foundation of Ottawa - \$2,000 CAD (event sponsorship)
 Canadian Medical Association - \$500 CAD (event sponsorship)

A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality

The Board of Directors of ILC Canada comprise:

Mrs. Margaret Gillis, President (Canada)

Mr. Scott Fletcher, Director (Canada)

Dr. Mamta Gautam, Director (Canada)

Dr. Kiran Rabheru, Director (Canada)

A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution

ILC Canada is composed of a professional staff of 4 persons (President, Vice-President, Research Director, Operations Manager) and unpaid associates who are academic researchers and independent policy consultants. All staff and associates are of Canadian nationality and live in Canada. Other organizations and individuals who support and collaborate with ILC Canada are recognized as partners, patrons or sponsors. These organizations and individuals also are Canadian.

A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization.

See the By-laws of the organization sent as a separate Word file with this application.

Annex 1



INTERNATIONAL LONGEVITY CENTER GLOBAL ALLIANCE

October 25, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to confirm that the activities the International Longevity Center (ILC) Canada at the national, regional, and international level described in this application are accurate.

The International Longevity Center Global Alliance, Ltd has Consultative Status with the Ecosoc since 2012. ILC Canada is one of its member organizations.

Please contact us if you have any question.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M M Osako'.

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Annex 2

ILC Canada Annual Report October 2015

Research

While the concept, development, research and principal lead on the Active Aging Framework came out of ILC Brazil, ILC Canada's Director of Research, Louise Plouffe, completed the writing of the report while in Canada.

Louise also worked extensively with the UN Stakeholder Group on Aging on behalf of the Global Alliance to propose indicators to track achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals for older persons.

While in the early days of development, ILC Canada has been working with its academic partner the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Health Sciences to request funding for research proposals on key issues for Canadian seniors.

Advocacy

ILC Canada was formally launched in May 2015, with a successful event that brought the Canadian Minister for Seniors and 160 leaders in the field of ageing in Canada to Ottawa for an official ceremony. The Launch was covered by Canada's leading broadcaster, the CBC, with stories on its implementation in several major cities. The focus was on the necessity to advocate for the needs and rights of older people in Canada and around the globe.

ILC Canada's President, Margaret Gillis, spoke to the UN General Assembly discussions on Sustainable Development Goals in March 2015. In a two minute presentation on behalf of the Stakeholder Group on Aging and the ILC Global Alliance, Margaret discussed the omissions in indicator work and data collection, as it applies to older people. Margaret also met with officials from the Canadian mission to the UN and with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Canada to express ILC Canada concerns on the SDG's and to ask that Canada speak up on older people's behalf. A subsequent meeting to advocate for older people will be held with federal government officials after the Canadian election (October 19th).

ILC Canada supported the Canadian Medical Associations launch of Demand a Plan, a campaign that calls for a National Seniors Strategy in Canada. Similarly, ILC Canada supported the Government of Canada and Alzheimer's Society of Canada in the launch of Dementia Friends Canada, a program seeking to dispel the myths associated with people suffering from dementia. ILC Canada prepared the Statement for the Global Alliance to mark the release of the Report of the Independent Expert on the Human Rights of Older Persons. This report was presented by the Global Alliances Representative I Geneva.

Annex 3

ILC Canada Annual Report October 2016

Age Friendly Business Forum

As reported, ILC Canada held its first Forum on Age-Friendly Business from May 2 to May 4, 2016. Since the forum we have produced a "Report on the Main Issues for Business Adopting to the Aging Population". Priority areas were identified including Travel/Tourism, Health Institutions, Financial Institutions, Homecare/Residence Continuum, and the Aging Worker. Following the Forum, there is a significant amount of work to do as we begin a series of meetings with potential partners, donors, and stakeholders. Participants from the private sector have demonstrated a strong interest in recognizing and adapting to the needs of seniors and we hope that more businesses will follow this path.

Public Education & Advocacy

ILC Canada prepared an article in support of the Canadian Medical Association's "Demand a Plan" campaign aimed at getting the Canadian government to formulate a National Seniors Health Strategy. ILC Canada's contribution is entitled "Age-friendly communities are key to a sustainable health plan for aging Canadians". The document can be found at http://www.demandaplan.ca/age_friendly_communities_are_key_to_a_sustainable_health_plan_for_aging_canadians.

ILC Canada also participated in a meeting hosted by the Canadian Coalition for Seniors Mental Health entitled "Let's be Bold for the Old! Working Together to Address Seniors' Mental Health". The goal of the meeting was to review and analyze emerging themes to improve collaboration and to take action on seniors' mental health. Sub-themes included changing attitudes, increasing community-focused health and social care, and determining resource potentials for future work. Key stakeholders from both the health sector and civil society participated and agreed to continue to work together. ILC Canada prepared the ILC GA written statement in response to the final report of the Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of all Human Rights by Older Persons.

Drs. Louise Plouffe and Gloria Gutman (two of only twenty experts invited) met with Canadian federal Ministers Philpott (Health) and Duclos (Children, Families and Social Development) to provide advice on the key needs of Canadian seniors. We advocated for homecare/residential care, among other issues, and will be following up on it post budget with advice on programming.

ILC Canada, the University of Ottawa and the Grandmother Advocacy Network are preparing for a one day conference on the Rights of Older

Women in Canada, Africa & the world. The conference is scheduled for Dec. 5th.

In May, Margaret Gillis & Louise Plouffe participated in the "Bold for the Old" meeting hosted by the Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health. The goal of the meeting was to take action on seniors' mental health.

Margaret Gillis has joined a National Leadership Team called "Fountain of Health" with a goal of translating the current science of aging into mental health promotion policy.

Options for Living in Older Age

ILC Canada is currently working on a paper highlighting worldwide best practices for older people to sustain optimal quality of life, both for care at home and for larger residential settings. It includes innovations from a variety of countries and available models with the end goal of preserving seniors' autonomy, engagement and security.

Transportation

With our partners in the Faculty of Health Sciences at uOttawa, we are in discussions with a major carrier to create an airport that is age-friendly from curbside to airplane seat. This is particularly poignant after two older travellers died from falls at Pearson because of a lack of wheelchairs.

Older Workers

This is another human rights issue that we have been promoting with uOttawa experts. ILC has been working with government officials to ensure that older workers are treated with the same respect and integrity as young workers. Examples of our work including demanding the government (through a letter to the Prime Minister) change its stated policy on older workers, which signalled to Baby Boomers it was "time for them to go". We have attended a meeting with government to expand its funding programs for disabled and marginalized workers to include more displaced older workers.

BY-LAW NO. 1

A By-law relating generally to the
transaction of the activities and affairs of

INTERNATIONAL LONGEVITY CENTRE CANADA

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Financial Statements of

**INTERNATIONAL LONGEVITY
CENTRE CANADA**

Year ended March 31, 2016

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of International Longevity Centre Canada

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of International Longevity Centre Canada, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016, the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of International Longevity Centre Canada as at March 31, 2016, and its results of operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Ottawa, Canada

INTERNATIONAL LONGEVITY CENTRE CANADA

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2016

	2016
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Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 49,097
Prepaid expenses and advances	581
	<hr/> 49,678
	<hr/> \$ 49,678

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 2)	\$ 8,804
Net assets (note 3):	
Unrestricted	40,874
	<hr/> \$ 49,678

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Board:

_____ Director

_____ Director

INTERNATIONAL LONGEVITY CENTRE CANADA

Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2016

	2016
Revenue:	
Contributions	\$ 132,980
Expenses:	
Conferences and meetings	13,781
Dues and memberships	6,235
Insurance	357
Office expenses	1,414
Professional fees	2,735
Salaries and benefits	67,584
	<u>92,106</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses, being net assets end of year	<u>\$ 40,874</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

INTERNATIONAL LONGEVITY CENTRE CANADA

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31, 2016

	2016
Cash provided by (used in):	
Operating activities:	
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 40,874
Net change in non-cash working capital items:	
Increase in prepaid expenses	(581)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8,804
Increase in cash	49,097
Cash, beginning of year	-
Cash, end of year	\$ 49,097

See accompanying notes to financial statements.