



## Long-Term Solutions for a Short-Term World: Canada and Research Development

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“This book provides a uniquely insightful account of Canada’s special contribution to the profound changes that have occurred in the role of international development in a changing world. It is a story few Canadians know but of which all can be proud....The experiences and news of the developing-country experts documented in this book demonstrate how Canada’s modest investments made a disproportionate contribution to development and influenced the programs and policies of others.”

– **The Honourable Maurice F. Strong**, P.C., C.C., LL.D.,  
Honorary Professor, Peking University

*Long-Term Solutions for a Short-Term World* demonstrates the complexity of the challenges that poor countries face and introduces the readers to the concept and impact of participatory research for development. Participatory research requires researchers to work with communities, governments, and other actors to deal with common problems. Finding solutions

requires participants to reflect critically on the cultural, economic, historical, political, and social contexts within which the issue under investigation exists. The book contains a collection of essays from development researchers and professionals, each of whom is an activist who has made significant contributions to the struggles of the poor in their own society. Essays are presented as case studies, and in each the contributor explains the specific development problem, the paths followed to solve the problem, lessons learned as a result of the research, and the development challenges on the horizon in his field of research. Together, these essays present a fascinating picture of how some of today’s most pressing development issues are being dealt with through research, demonstrating how interdisciplinary and alternative approaches can be implemented in new and innovative ways.

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*Citoyens du Monde/Citizens of the World* is a six-part documentary series by Ronald N. Harpelle and Bruce Muirhead. It was filmed in over a dozen countries and focuses on Canada’s role in supporting research for development. This timely series looks at six broad themes, Water, Women, Politics, Health, Information and Communication Technologies, and the Emerging Economies of China, India, and Brazil, with an emphasis on research currently being conducted in these areas of international development. Filmed in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America, these films examine each theme in at least three different regions of the world. For more information see <http://vimeo.com/16696833>.



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