

## Message from MP Heather McPherson NDP Critic for International Development and Deputy Critic for Foreign Affairs

On behalf of the New Democratic Party of Canada, I want to send my sincere congratulations to the remarkable young people who are recipients of the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation's 2020 Top 30 Under 30.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an excellent universal framework that aims to achieve solutions for some of humanities greatest challenges and your efforts to achieve the SDGs inspire us to rethink the way we live, work, produce and consume.

With just 10 years left until we reach the deadline for Agenda 2030, we must come together to accelerate sustainable solutions to a wide range of global issues such as gender inequality, poverty, and, most pressing, the climate emergency. Young people are not only the leaders of tomorrow, they are leaders of today; their voices, concerns and ideas define and shape the world. This year's Top 30 Under 30 exemplify the commitment and hard work needed to build a more sustainable and just world for all.

Thank you for your passion, and dedication in ensuring that we deliver on our commitments to helping the poorest and most vulnerable people and that we leave no one behind in the process.

I look forward to seeing what incredible things the 2020 Top 30 Under 30 will accomplish in the lead up to 2030 and beyond!

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