



UPCOMING EVENTS



Towards 75 Years Dutch Development Cooperation:

- Water Event, 22 March 2024
- Gender Event, Spring 2024
- International Cooperation - building on history, May 2024
- Launch Food & Agriculture Timeline (Together with FoodFIRST), September 2024

For the latest information, check out the [event page](#) on our website!

Get to know NICC!

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Hello, I am one of the new interns helping out the NICC foundation. I will be active here until the end of May. Currently, I am a master's student at Utrecht University studying the history of politics and society.

What drew me to the NICC for my internship is the mission of the organisation. To make developments in international cooperation transparent. I believe that it is difficult for the average person to understand the magnitude that International Cooperation has on our lives. The UN, the EU, and NATO all influence our lives, but it is not always clear to which extent this is to our detriment or benefit. It can already be overwhelming to understand domestic institutions, let alone supranational institutions. Therefore, we should aim to make this information accessible to all. In this, I believe that the NICC can greatly contribute.

My contribution to this mission will be to assist in the development of several timelines. Furthermore, I will also contribute more generally to the NICC by helping to organise events and updating social media posts. I hope that my internship here will be constructive. Have a great day.

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NICC RESEARCH FUND

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WHAT
WHO
WHEN

Five research funds of 500 Euros for:
a 3 month research into the archives and through 'resource persons' resulting in a socially relevant research report

Students and young professionals interested in international (development) cooperation

February - March 2024

- Announcement research fund

April 1st 2024

- Deadline research proposals

May 1st 2024

- Announcement approved proposals

May - July 2024

- Conducting research

August - 15 September 2024

- Submitting research report, consultation, assessment

16 September - October 2024

- Presentation research reports



FOR A FUTURE
THAT INSPIRES THE PAST

During the 75th anniversary year of Dutch Development Cooperation, the NICC is proud to announce a research fund for research into the archives.

Specifically, we are stimulating students and young professionals to dive deeper into one of the five themes discussed on the Kick-off event on the 2nd of October: Gender, Water, Food security, 75 Years of Development Cooperation and Global Citizenship & Climate. The researchers have the freedom to link these themes to any historical event or geographical area, but the overarching research question should be: what inspiration can we take from our history, and what does this mean for the future of development cooperation. This way, we hope to bring forward concrete publications and findings relevant not only for the NICC-collection, but also for the future of development cooperation in general. For more information, check out the research fund page on [our website](#).

Equal Trade Certification

NICC participation in an event around Equal Trade

On January 16, 2024 a representative of the NICC Foundation was present at a meeting organised by the Dutch SDG-Café and the Foundation Max van der Stoel (FMS) at the The Hague Humanity Hub. The gathering focused on Equal Trade Certification (ETC) and was introduced by Africa in Motion that is coordinating an Equal Trade Alliance in by now 33 countries in Africa and Europe. After indicating that decades after fair trade certification was introduced, many African coco and coffee growers and ore and mineral miners are still living in poverty (earning less than \$1 per day), because they only get about 5% of the financial component in most value chains, whereas European retailers and factories obtain much higher percentages of the total value of international trade chains

Besides, it was noted that 'fair' trade as a concept contains remnants of a colonial past, because 'Northern' global institutions and major companies -who dominated world trade for quite a while- wanted to improve the lot of 'Southerners' but by using the concept of 'fair' trade they placed themselves above others. Equal Trade Certification intends to focus on sharing revenues from finished products and go 'Beyond Fairness' by making farmers and miners shareholders in whole value chains, decolonising the existing trade systems, by ensuring that African producers get an equal financial share of the total value chain. Instead of ending the transaction as soon as the raw material is sold, the African producers will become stakeholders within the commodity's value chain. As a result, African states, workers, and farmers would thus obtain partial ownership in the value chain.



Ideas to push for transformation of existing trade systems between Europe and Africa are still in a brainstorm phase but an interesting mix of organizations seems to be interested to join forces in a bottom-up movement.

For the NICC Foundation it is interesting to follow this development for the [Fair Trade timeline](#) and the [Global Citizenship timeline](#).