1. Overview of GCID activity

- The number of affiliates to GCID now stands at 100+ Research and Teaching staff, 200+ students, mainly postgraduate, and 100+ people external to the University, including key contacts at the Department for International Development (DFID) and other research organisations.

- GCID affiliates continue to be spread across all four Colleges of the University, virtually all of whom are actively engaged in research and learning in international development activities.

- In the period June 2011 to May 2012, there were 68 newly awarded and active research grants and contracts on international development topics held by GCID affiliates, with a value of just over £18.2 million (£21.1 million in 2010-11). An increasing number of these grants and contracts are interdisciplinary in nature.

- The Lecture Series has continued to be a central GCID activity, and, during the year, a total of 8 lectures was held, attracting audiences from 30 to 120, depending on the topic (see Section 2 below).

- Two student-driven events were supported by GCID to strengthen the Centre’s engagement with that part of the student community interested in international development issues.

- During the reporting year, there were six GCID Scholarship holders in post, with the addition of a further scholar from Botswana due to start in October 2012 (see Section 4). We are delighted to report that the first three GCID scholars were all awarded their PhDs during the year, one completing in just under 3 years, and two in just over three years.

- GCID was invited to give written evidence to the Science and Technology Committee’s Inquiry into Science and International Development at the Westminster Parliament, December 2011.

- As noted in previous years’ reports, GCID has continued to promote its engagement with the international development community during the reporting year beyond the University, including with Scottish-based NGOs, the International Development Department of the Scottish Government, and the Department for International Development, both in London and East Kilbride (see Section 5).

- The Chair of GCID retained his membership of the DFID Research Advisory Group, which has the remit of providing advice through DFID’s Research and Evidence Division on the shape and direction of DFID’s research plans and priorities.

- Communications, both within and beyond GCID, have been actively maintained through the publication of 10 electronic Bulletins during the year which contain research programme calls and information on relevant conferences and meetings (see Section 6).
2. GCID Lecture Series
GCID has completed another successful series of lectures during the year, with attendances ranging from 30 to just under 120. As in previous years, GCID has been keen to develop its partnerships with international development organisations external to the University, including DFID and Scottish-based NGOs. We were especially pleased to partner with the Rwanda-Scotland Alliance for the first time for one of our events. It was a little disappointing to have only 8 lectures this year, compared to our more usual number of 10-12 but the unforeseen late unavailability of some speakers did not provide sufficient time to seek replacements.

The lecture series was as follows:

- 29 September 2011, The Global Poverty Project Team. **1.4 billion reasons.**
- 4 October 2011, Dr Malcolm McNeill and Dr Sue Kinn, DFID. **International development: changes and challenges.**
- 1 November 2011, Professor Cairns Smith, University of Aberdeen. **Leprosy – challenges for public health policy and social justice.**
- 23 November 2011, Professor Michael Barrett, University of Glasgow. **Drug development for human African trypanosomiasis.**
- 10 January 2012, Pedro Rosa Mendes, freelance reporter/writer. **The Portuguese through the Wallace Line in the Malay Archipelago: two sides of an identity.**
- 8 February 2012, HE Ernest Rwucmayo, Rwandan High Commissioner, and Brian Dornan, Scottish Government, in collaboration with the Rwanda Scotland Alliance. **Showcasing Rwanda.**
- 14 February 2012, Professor Charles Gore, UNCTAD Special Coordinator for Research and Policy Analysis. **The paradox of aid effectiveness: some reflections on Busan.**
- 18 April 2012, Professor Colm Regan, Trinity College Dublin. **80:20 – Development in an unequal world.**

In addition, GCID supported two student events which were:

- 31 January 2012, **BaFa’BaFa.** This was a cultural awareness-raising and preparation workshop for students intending to visit countries in the global south.
- 20 March 2012, **Know Before You Go.** This was a preparation workshop with Engineers Without Borders for students planning to volunteer in Africa during the long vacation.

3. Research co-ordination
In 2011/12, research income in international development work across the University amounted to £18,257,834, an increasing amount of which is interdisciplinary research, facilitated by GCID.

Last year, GCID set up a number of small interdisciplinary research groups around the themes of renewable energy, food security and malaria eradication, with the aim of being prepared in advance for future research calls from research councils and other agencies. This year GCID notably co-hosted, with the Moredun Institute and the Centre for Research
and Development in Adult and Lifelong Learning, a one-day workshop on 24 May 2012 entitled: Food Insecurity in an Insecure World: Research Challenges and Opportunities.

Keynote external speakers at the workshop were Lord Cameron of Dillington (Chair of the UK Joint Funders of Food Security), Professor Tim Benton (UK Global Food Security Champion) and David Robson (Head of Food Security at the Scottish Government). Over 60 researchers from across the University attended and a number of working sub-groups were formed as a consequence, with several preliminary research proposals being developed.

4. GCID Scholarship Schemes
The GCID Scholarship scheme had six postgraduate students undertaking PhD work during the reporting year (Jamila Razzaq from Pakistan; Orleans Mfune from Zambia; Jared Bakuza from Tanzania; Edwin Thuma from Botswana; Robert Monageng from Botswana; and Keneilwe Molosi from Botswana), working in the Colleges of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences; Science and Engineering; and in Social Sciences. In October 2012, we look forward to welcoming a further PhD postgraduate from Botswana to join them under the Eleanor Emery Scholarship Scheme, a scheme which has been made possible by the generous legacy left by Eleanor Emery, a graduate of the University, who left money in her will to fund Botswana postgraduate students to study at the University of Glasgow.

We are especially delighted that the first three recipients of the GCID Scholarships, Orleans Mfune, Jamila Razzaq and Jared Bakuza all completed and successfully defended their PhD theses during the course of the reporting year, all doing so well within the standard 4-year time-period for PhD registration. We congratulate all three of them for a job extremely well done. Videos of the GCID scholars talking about their experience at Glasgow are available on the GCID website: http://www.gla.ac.uk/centres/gcid/students/scholarshipprogrammes/

The quality of all six students is extremely high, and so it is of considerable disappointment that the current global financial crisis has reduced donations and legacies to the University to support this scheme, especially as this scheme makes a major contribution to capacity building in some of the poorest countries in the world. There is a huge demand by high-quality students for these funds, as evidenced by the 434 applications received in the first round of the scheme.

5. External initiatives
GCID has continued to expand its engagement during the year with the wider international development community beyond the University of Glasgow, and has strengthened linkages with organisations and individuals both within Scotland and beyond. Highlights include:

- Increased engagement with Scottish-based NGOs and charities, especially in discussions and dialogues on a wide range of shared activities and interests, including the possible shape of international development activities under possible new constitutional arrangements in Scotland.

- Further strengthening of links with the International Development Department of the Scottish Government.

- Maintenance of strong links with DFID at Abercrombie House, East Kilbride, with regular discussions taking place between colleagues, as well as regular attendance by interested DFID staff at GCID lecture events.

- Invitation to give written evidence to the Science and Technology Committee’s Inquiry into Science and International Development at the Westminster Parliament, December 2011.
• GCID invited to attend the 30th ‘Birthday’ celebrations of DFID’s Abercrombie House at East Kilbride.

• Scotland-Rwanda Higher Education Steering Group. This group, established by Universities Scotland in mid-2006 as a cross-sector initiative to support the redevelopment of the higher education sector in Rwanda, is currently chaired by John Briggs from GCID.

• Rwanda-Scotland Alliance (RwSA), an organisation set up in December 2009 at a GCID-hosted event in Glasgow, which has the remit of driving and co-ordinating Scotland’s activities with Rwanda, along similar lines to the Scotland-Malawi Partnership. GCID has a central role in the RwSA.

• GCID has maintained its presence on the DFID Research Advisory Group, which has the remit of providing advice through DFID’s Research and Evidence Division on the shape and direction of DFID’s research plans and priorities.

6. Communication activities
One of GCID’s core activities in the University is to promote and encourage our collaborative and interdisciplinary research endeavour in international development within the institution and with partners beyond. To support this, the GCID database holds information on each staff member’s research interests in international development, so enabling interdisciplinary teams to be put together in relatively rapid time in response to funding calls. In a more proactive way, a total of 10 electronic Bulletins was produced during the year and these were emailed to the GCID mailing list on a regular basis. These are archived at: http://www.gla.ac.uk/centres/glasgowcentreforinternationaldevelopment/informationforstaff-campusonly/previousbulletins/. The GCID website itself is constantly updated at: www.gla.ac.uk/gcid.

7. Partnerships
As part of the University of Glasgow’s internationalisation strategy, the partnerships with Makerere University (Uganda), the University of Dar es Salaam, the University of Dodoma (both Tanzania), the University of Botswana and North-West University (South Africa) continue to be strengthened in support of our collaborative research activity, and a number of research grant applications were submitted by GCID affiliates which included research colleagues from these partners. Additional partnerships are being developed with the University of South Africa (UNISA), the University of Malawi and the University of Cape Town.

8. Future ambitions for 2012/13
Over the next year, as well as strengthening existing activity, GCID plans to:

• Increase the number of more interdisciplinary research proposals submitted to potential funders.

• Further strengthen links with the work of the International Deans for Africa and South Asia in support of the University’s Internationalisation Strategy.

• Further strengthen links with external organisations and institutions.

• 4 lectures already planned
9. 5-Year Review

In June 2012 the GCID steering group met to discuss the activities of GCID over the last five years and scope for future development.

Background

It was agreed at its establishment in April 2007 that there should be a full review of GCID’s activities after 5 years to evaluate its performance and to consider whether it should continue, and, if so, how. It is clear that GCID has significantly raised the University of Glasgow's reputation in the field of international development, both nationally and internationally. It was able to build on the existing strength of the Centre for Development Studies in the Business School, but extend this to develop an explicit interdisciplinary approach to international development which now encompasses 90 active researchers in this area from across all four Colleges of the University. GCID has fulfilled an important function in being a 'one-stop' portal for UoG’s activities in international development, something which has been acknowledged with gratitude by NGOs, DFID and the Scottish Government’s International Development Department, among others.

GCID has succeeded in both promoting and strengthening interdisciplinarity in the University. For example, there have been at least seven major interdisciplinary research grants applications developed since 2008, none of which would have come about if not for GCID providing the space for connections across disciplinary boundaries being made. GCID affiliates have been relatively successful at supporting capacity building through collaborative research programmes and the delivery of Master’s programmes, mainly in CDS, but less successful with training workshop and short course provision.

Partnerships with institutions in the South have been developed, including institutional ones with the Makerere, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Botswana and North West in South Africa, along with less formal ones with Cape Town and Malawi. In addition GCID affiliates have developed specific research partnerships with a wide range of institutions, including, for example, the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, the University of Ghana itself, the Ifakara Research Institute in Tanzania, the Nelson Mandela Institute, also in Tanzania, among many others. GCID has perhaps been less successful in promoting South-South linkages, although some progress has been made.

GCID achievements and performance 2007-2012

- 48 lectures, with attendances ranging from 30 to 600 people, but with a typical attendance being 60-80.
- 4 conferences.
- 5 workshops and seminars.
- Average annual income over the 5-year period of £17.9m in international development research. Research is funded by a wide range of sources.
- 66 electronic bulletins and the development and maintenance of a GCID website to promote information flows across the community.
- 8 PhD Scholarships, including 3 GCID Scholarships, 4 Eleanor Emery Scholarships and 1 Kelvin-Smith Award.
- High profile lectures from Myles Wickstead (Former Head of the Secretariat, Commission for Africa), Lorenzo Savioli (World Health Organisation), Andrew Mitchell (Secretary of State for International Development), Paul Kagame (President
of Rwanda), Jack McConnell (former First Minister), Malcolm Bruce (Chair of the Commons Select Committee on International Development).

- Meetings with Douglas Alexander (former Secretary of State for International Development), Mike Russell (MSP), Anne Glover (Government Scientific Advisor, now EU Scientific Advisor), Liz Ditchburn (Head of Abercrombie House, DFID, East Kilbride), Brian Dornan (Head of International Development, Scottish Government), Chris Whitty (Scientific Advisor, DFID), Ann McKechin (Member, Commons Select Committee on International Development).

- Host for the prestigious Mandela-Tambo Annual Lecture in 2010, funded by the Government of South Africa through the High Commission in London.

- Creation of a database of researchers in the University with an active interest in international development.

- Invitations for GCID affiliates to give evidence to Parliamentary and Scottish Government Inquiries on international development matters, as well as membership of DFID’s Research Advisory Group.

- Active engagement with student groups with interests in international development, including Student Volunteers Abroad, Engineers Without Borders and SKIP Malawi.

10. Recurrent expenditure 2011/12

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John Briggs
Chair, GCID
August 2012