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Based in Ottawa, Canada, Fred Carden is an experienced development evaluation professional who has built an international reputation for his work in evaluation and knowledge to policy processes. He has wide global experience and has designed and managed complex multi-country initiatives. He has strong experience in South and Southeast Asia as well as East and West Africa. He has published widely on evaluation methods as well as on the use of evidence in public policy. In 2015, he formed a research and evaluation consultancy, Using Evidence Inc., that focuses on efforts to improve the use of research and evaluation evidence in decision making.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2015-** **Using Evidence Inc.**
Principal
Using Evidence is a research and evaluation consultancy that focuses on enhancing the use of evidence in decision making.
- 2013-2015** **RTI International**
Senior Governance Research Specialist &
Lead Technical Advisor, Knowledge Sector Initiative, Indonesia
- 1993-2013** **International Development Research Centre (Canada)**
2004-2013 Director, Evaluation
1993-2004 Program Specialist, Evaluation
- 1981-1993** **Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University**
1989-1993 Canadian Advisor, University Consortium on the Environment
A project of Environmental Management Development in Indonesia
1986-1989 Coordinator of Non-Degree Studies
1981-1986 Research Director, Moshi/York Cooperative Management Project

EDUCATION

- 2008 Harvard Kennedy School of Government
Fellow in Sustainability Science
- 1990 PhD, Université de Montréal (Aménagement)
- 1981 Master in Environmental Studies, York University
- 1979 Bachelor in Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo

OTHER

Professional Appointments

- 2018 - 2021 Member, Advisory Committee to 'Doing Research', a project of the Global Development Network
- 2017-2019 Member of the Board, Partnership for Economic Policy. <https://www.pep-net.org/>
- 2015-2021 Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Evidence and Policy
- 2015-2017 Editorial Advisory Board, American Journal of Evaluation
- 2016 Member, Selection Committee, Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships, Advanced Scholars Program. Universities Canada
- 2016 Member, Screening Committee for the first research competition of the Indonesian Science Fund (Dana Ilmu Pengetahuan Indonesia)
- 2014-2018 External Reference Group for the DFID evaluation of the International Growth Centre
- 2015 Member, Review Panel for Design of 'Examining Impact Enhancement', a NWO/ WOTRO (The Netherlands) research call
- 2014-2015 Member of the Reference Group for the CIFOR Climate Change Mitigation Evaluation
- 2013-2017 Editorial Committee, New Directions for Evaluation
- 2013-2015 Selection Panel, ESRC/DFID Development Frontiers Competition
- 2012 Scientific Committee of the Second Global Symposium on Health Systems
- 2011-2015 International Advisory Committee for Joint MFSII evaluation, NWO/ WOTRO, Netherlands
- 2010-2015 DFID/ESRC Joint Scheme Advisory Group
- 2006 - 2008 Member of the Stakeholder Advisory Network, Canadian Foundation for Innovation
- 2005 - 2009 External Expert Member of the Performance and Evaluation Committee of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Since launching Using Evidence in August 2015, Fred has worked on a range of activities:

- Knowledge Sector Initiative in Indonesia on improving the potential to use evidence in public policy
- Evaluation of UN Women's Regional Architecture (with EnCompass LLP)
- Quality Assessment of two World Food Program Evaluations (with Universal Management Group)
- Review of the evaluation approach at the MasterCard Foundation
- IUCN on quality review of Value for Money assessments of projects
- Government of Indonesia (Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education) on approaches to evaluating research
- Indigenous Services Canada, training on Outcome Mapping
- Development of an advocacy capacity assessment tool with ORS Impact (for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)
- Rideau Hall Foundation on evaluation advisory services
- International Development Research Centre on research funding councils

He is currently working with

- IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute) on piloting improvements to the use of agricultural research data at the national level in Ghana, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Nigeria
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on their Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) strategy, on approaches to evaluating implementation research, and evaluation support to MNCH programming including the International Confederation of Midwives and MNCH programming in Malawi
- Global Affairs Canada on evaluating coherence in a country program
- ORS Impact on guidance and a handbook on evaluating advocacy capacity

Fred sits on the Board of the global network, Partnership for Economic Policy and on the international Advisory Committee to the 'Doing Research' Project of the Global Development Network. As well, he sits on various selection panels, and contributes reviews to organizations as well as several policy- and evaluation-related journals. He continues to write on evaluation and knowledge to policy processes.

PUBLICATIONS Fred Carden is the author or co-author of eight books published in a dozen languages, as well as numerous chapters and articles. As well, he participates in numerous conferences and workshops as a facilitator and keynote speaker. He contributes to blogs, and on-line training as well (i.e., MOOCs). For a complete list of publications [click here](#).