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<p><a href="http://ctb.ku.edu/">http://ctb.ku.edu/</a></p> <p><b>Community Toolbox Bringing Solutions to Light (CTB) (University of Kansas).</b></p>	<p>This website presents a series of practical tools for development in communities (either rural or urban) that, according to this research group, are important elements that they have been using in their model (CTB). There are also some useful tips in terms of undertaking action in communities such as identifying community needs, identifying actors, developing strategies and initiatives, finding leaders, maintaining successes, and getting funding. The website provides step-by-step guide that can be helpful to identify issues, organize people, gather information and take action. In this website, as in many others, there is an option for other links related to the topic. One can also receive expert advice or exchange ideas with the research community in a forum that resembles an Internet café.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.vcn.bc.ca/citizens-handbook/">http://www.vcn.bc.ca/citizens-handbook/</a></p> <p><b>The Citizen's Handbook, A Guide to Building Communities (Vancouver).</b></p>	<p>This website is very well structured in terms of how to assess community's needs, identifying actors, putting in place some of the strategies, creating ties between and among communities, fundraising, etc. The website is designed as a handbook and it presents some real documented examples using their very valuable experiences. Here, we can find links to other research groups that are focused on similar topics.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/rural/hbk-pt1.html">http://www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/rural/hbk-pt1.html</a></p> <p><b>Rural Development Handbook on Personal, Organization and Community Development (Ontario).</b></p>	<p>This website focuses on rural development and the research group places much emphasis on leadership. One aspect that is very interesting and useful is the glossary in chapter III.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.rural.gc.ca/dialogue/tool/index_e.phtml">http://www.rural.gc.ca/dialogue/tool/index_e.phtml</a></p> <p><b>Community Dialogue Toolkit (Government of Canada)</b></p>	<p>This website is created by the Canadian government and it is available in English and French. This toolkit is very useful to get people to come together from common interests in communities as well as to bring together important actors from a region. The website gives offers the opportunity to organize a session with all the people involved from the study area. The tool is mainly designed for rural development. The manner in which it works is that one posts a date where an organized session will take place and they help you to contact most of the actors. Within two weeks of the organized session, the contacts at this website send out a reminder. Forms of what the session will entail as well as how the session will be conducted are also available on the website. The site provides important tips on how to deal with difficult situations (e.g. conflicts between actors during the session.)</p>
<p><a href="http://www.consensuald">http://www.consensuald</a></p>	<p>This website provides important tips based on their research experiences. The website is focused on solving communities' problems,</p>

<p><a href="http://emocracy.org/index.htm">emocracy.org/index.htm</a></p> <p><b>The Center for Consensual Democracy Community Toolbox (United States).</b></p>	<p>whether they are rural or urban communities. As the rest of the other research groups, they try to identify issues, organize human resources, gathering information for future action. They also have a "toolbox" providing forms that can be used for clarifying goals, assessing initiatives, finding leaders, developing skills, etc. Lastly, they present some of their publications.</p>
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<p><a href="http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/">http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/</a></p> <p><b>Communitybuilders.nsw (Australia)</b></p>	<p>This website is created by an organization that provides funding for other projects. They provide a calendar of important events, discussion groups, etc. They assist in linking people to others that share similar work related interests within a specific area. It appears to be a very strong research group from Australia. This website is very complete in terms of finding tips and other important tools for identifying issues, dealing with data and statistics, organizing people among other tasks. The website offers a colorful, welcoming presentation.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.manitobamarketplace.com/toolbox.html">http://www.manitobamarketplace.com/toolbox.html</a></p> <p><b>Manitoba Community Development Toolbox (Manitoba)</b></p>	<p>This website offers links to other research groups located within the province of Manitoba. The website acts like a bridge; it is a kind of directory for the province.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.communitydevelopment.uiuc.edu/cfar/sriit.html">http://www.communitydevelopment.uiuc.edu/cfar/sriit.html</a></p> <p><b>Laboratory for Community and Economic Development Toolbox (United States)</b></p>	<p>This website is focused on rural development and its relationship with tourism. It also provides important tips about identifying communities' needs, actors, data, and taking actions. It appears to be a small research group from the state of Illinois, and it also seems that they have just started their research. Some of their links are still not available for they are under construction. However, it remains an interesting site.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.livelihoods.org/index.html">http://www.livelihoods.org/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Sustainable Livelihoods Toolbox (UK).</b></p>	<p>This website is constructed by the Department of International Development (DFID) and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS). It is a complete website with very useful tips and tools about rural development. The website provides you with forms in five different languages (English, French, Spanish, Chinese, and Russian). It also links you with other research groups from other parts of the world. They have calendar of activities and you can also send questions to experts in the domain. It is a very well constructed website.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.mta.ca/rstp/public.html">http://www.mta.ca/rstp/public.html</a></p> <p><b>Stepping Forward: Your Community's Guide to a Sustainable Future (Mt. Allison University - New Brunswick).</b></p>	<p>This website is from Mount Allen University in New Brunswick and is associated with the NRE. It focuses on rural and small town development. The website consists of reporting activities and it also provides an opportunity for the user to contact expert opinions. Comparing with other websites, this one does not have a toolbox/kit, however, they provide tips about identifying issues, organizing people, gathering data and so forth.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.buildingcommunities.ca/ct/en/pdf/ToolkitEnglish.pdf">http://www.buildingcommunities.ca/ct/en/pdf/ToolkitEnglish.pdf</a></p>	<p>To begin, this website is offered in PDF format therefore making it somewhat difficult to access and/or read. The website is oriented toward the English speaking community of Quebec and is highly focused on capacity building. The website provides a description of their goals</p>

<p><b>A Capacity Building Toolkit for Quebec's English Speaking Communities (Quebec)</b></p>	<p>as well as their partnerships with different regions in Quebec where small Anglophone communities exist. It contains reports on recent activities within the communities.</p>
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<p><a href="http://www3.ns.sympati.co.ca/antig.women/">http://www3.ns.sympati.co.ca/antig.women/.</a></p> <p><b>PATH Resource Binder: PATHways - Building Healthy Communities in Eastern Nova Scotia.</b></p>	<p>The website is under the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre and is an independent, feminist, community-based organization. It is completely focused in giving support to women, trying to solve health problems or any other kind of issues women would like to address in relation to developing a healthy community. The website provides calendar of events, publications, links to other feminist organizations, as well as a contact email to submit any inquiries or concerns.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.mta.ca/rstp/pubmain.html">http://www.mta.ca/rstp/pubmain.html.</a></p> <p><b>Assessing Self-Help Community Development Tools (Atlantic Canada)</b></p>	<p>This is another website from Mount Allen University, New Brunswick. It is also associated with the NRE project. This is in relation to a specific project and it presents research results on rural development, tourism and other related topics. In addition, there is a list of contacts as well as publications.</p>
<p><a href="http://sustainable.org/index.html">http://sustainable.org/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Sustainable Communities Network (United States)</b></p>	<p>The website is well organized. It appears that this organization funds other projects and groups, including NGO's. They show some results gathered from their surveys, they provide links to other experts, they have a calendar of activities, and they provide contact information. The research group is focused on developing communities in relation to the fishing industry. There is an important economic element to this website.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.crehs.on.ca/downloads/sustainability%20manual.pdf">http://www.crehs.on.ca/downloads/sustainability%20manual.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Building Sustainable Non-Profits: The Waterloo Region Experience (Ontario).</b></p>	<p>The Centre for Research and Education in Human Services and Social Planning of Cambridge and North Dumfries is responsible for this complete manual for the Waterloo Region. It is in PDF format and it appears that they made it available on-line to share their experiences with the public as well as NGOs. It is completely focused on building capacity. As with other research groups, they are concerned with identifying important issues in the community, organizing human capital, gathering data, and putting into practice their initiatives. It is a very detailed manual.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.sparc.bc.ca/publications/index.html">http://www.sparc.bc.ca/publications/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Tools for Change: BC Community Indicators Resource Guide (BC)</b></p>	<p>This website is under the Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia. It provides a report relating to their activities in different communities in the province. They also provide legal support and many important tips for a healthy community. They also present a series of publications from their initiatives that were put in place in some of BC's communities.</p>
<p><a href="http://www.policylink.nb.ca/toolkit.htm">http://www.policylink.nb.ca/toolkit.htm</a></p> <p><b>PolicyLink New Brunswick – Toolkit.</b></p>	<p>To begin, this research group is solely focused on Atlantic communities of Canada. There are some tools from the website that are not yet available for they are under construction. It appears that the research group is closely working with provincial and federal support since many of their reported projects are linked with Canadian governmental agencies. The research group is focused on the creation of public policy processes. They also provide links with other agencies and</p>

	organizations involved in the same domain.
<b>French Websites</b>	
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<a href="http://www.rural.gc.ca/cris/directories/programs_prov_f.phtml">http://www.rural.gc.ca/cris/directories/programs_prov_f.phtml</a>  <b>Ministères provinciaux et territoriaux chargés des affaires rurales.</b>  <b>The website is bilingual.</b>	<p>This website lists some of the most important organizations dealing with development in Canada according to provinces. In some of the links they provide, the organizations, as well as their goals, are completely focused on economic development. Some of the organizations listed also incorporate the social aspects related to development.</p>
<a href="http://www.rural.gc.ca/cris/directories/international_f.phtml">http://www.rural.gc.ca/cris/directories/international_f.phtml</a>  <b>Organismes Internationales.</b>	<p>This website is part of the Government of Canada so initially it has the option for French but since it links you to international organizations all around the world the dominant language is English. It includes organizations by blocks; Canadian organizations, American organizations, Australian organizations, European organizations, and other links. So far in this website I have not found toolkits as the one from Nova Scotia's website. There is one of the links from North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (<a href="http://www.ag.iastate.edu/centers/rdev/RuralDev.html">http://www.ag.iastate.edu/centers/rdev/RuralDev.html</a>) that provides other links to other North American organizations. In general all these organizations provide funding for research and connect people with common interests, some of them present their latest publications. The information they handle is more general and is not because they do not handle with topics such as empowerment or building capacity but they only show their general goals since some of them are huge institutions.</p>
<a href="http://www.rural.gc.ca/cris/directories/education_f.phtml">http://www.rural.gc.ca/cris/directories/education_f.phtml</a>  <b>Recherche et de l'éducation en milieu rural.</b>	<p>This website has links to institutions dealing with rural and urban development. The tools provided on this website are limited however in terms of their useful capacity to help focus goals, identifying issues, gather data and take action in relation to development. In general, this institution presents its goals and most recent publications. It is important to note that many of the institutions mentioned here, provide opportunities for financial support.</p>
<a href="http://www.rural.gc.ca/cris/directories/networks_f.phtml">http://www.rural.gc.ca/cris/directories/networks_f.phtml</a>  <b>Réseaux communautaires et ressources Internet.</b>	<p>This website is focused on communities' development based on different technologies, in particular, technologies that focus on communications (e.g. Internet). It provides some links to some Canadian organizations than can offer support to isolated communities. Some of the links they provide are in French and English.</p>
<a href="http://www.rural.gc.ca/lens_f.phtml">http://www.rural.gc.ca/lens_f.phtml</a>	<p>This is a Canadian website and it is available in French or English. They explain what their priorities are and what kind of projects they support financially (funding.) They also provide the dates of upcoming events and some of their most recent results and publications.</p>

<p><b>La Lentille Rural.</b></p>	
<p><a href="http://www.un.org/esa/index.html">http://www.un.org/esa/index.html</a>-</p> <p><b>United Nations Economic and Social Development.</b></p>	<p>They provide a detailed contact list (and the respective links of the people responsible for different aspects of development.) They address many issues related to development and they range from social aspects to technological aspects that can relate to the promotion of development. They also provide a calendar of upcoming events as well as their most recent publications.</p>
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<p><a href="http://www.acldq.qc.ca/">http://www.acldq.qc.ca/</a></p> <p><b>Associations des centre locaux de developpement du Quebec.</b></p>	<p>This organization seems to be a private organization. They provide assistance or guidance for issues relating to development. Their main concerns focus on economic aspects of development including how to encourage economic growth. They also provide dates of upcoming events and publications.</p>

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