

**David Comerford**  
**Senior Advisor, IDEA**

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Hussein Amery, CEO and Managing Director of IDEA, is pleased to announce that David Comerford has joined IDEA as a Senior Advisor.

David graduated from the University of Ottawa with a degree in Political Science in 1980 and a diploma from the university's Institute for International Development and Cooperation in 1986. He also earned a diploma in Arabic Language Studies from the American University in Cairo in 1985. With over 20 years of experience in community and international development Mr. Comerford has pursued a career in Canada and overseas for a number of community-based organizations and NGOs including the French Canadian Association of Ontario (ACFO), Canada World Youth, UNA Canada, CCIC, OXFAM-Quebec, CBIE and, more recently, with CUSO where he served as the Director of External Relations for 3 years. In the context of his work he lived for 6 years in North Africa including 3 years with Oxfam-Quebec in Egypt and Tunisia and 3 years with the international NGO, El Taller. He has traveled throughout the Middle East and South Asia.

As an experienced international development project manager, Mr. Comerford brings to his work environment valuable skills and expertise in resource development, Results Based Management, project monitoring and evaluation and cross-cultural integration. He is fluently bilingual in French and English and has a good grasp of Arabic.

In his capacity as Senior Advisor, David serves in an advisory role to SIAST on the Tra Vinh Improved Livelihoods (TVILP) Project and other development initiatives in Asia and the Middle East.

Originally from Newfoundland, he was raised in CFB Petawawa and now lives in Ottawa with his wife and four sons.