

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Metropolis Francophonie Mondiale Conference

December 16-17, 2021



DESCRIPTION

Migration is a reality that has shaped humanity since the dawn of time. Accelerated by globalization and climate change, it is today a major issue for the countries of the francophone world. These countries spread over the five continents are at the same time places of departure, transit, destination and reception of migrants. The arrival and departure of these women and men deeply impacts the economic, social, political and cultural spheres of these countries. Despite the great diversity of realities within the Francophone world, all of these countries have in common the challenges and opportunities created by migratory flows.

During its inaugural edition in December 2021, the Metropolis Francophonie Mondiale Conference proposes to create an opportunity for dialogue and knowledge sharing on the complex issues of migration by opening the door to all stakeholders within the Francophonie.

Building on the growing impact of the Metropolis conferences and forums organized for over 20 years, the Association for Canadian Studies has responded to the demand from stakeholders for a dedicated platform for dialogue within the French-speaking world. Based on the model of the annual Metropolis Canada and Metropolis North America events, the Metropolis Francophonie Mondiale Conference (MFM) will annually convene representatives from academia and think-tanks, policy makers and governments, civil society organizations, as well as international institutions originating from or affiliated with Francophone countries, including those who are directly affected by forced or voluntary migration.

This first edition of the Metropolis Francophonie Mondiale Conference (MFM) will be co-chaired by the Honourable Michaëlle Jean, 27th Governor General of Canada and Raymond Th  berge, Commissioner of Official Languages for Canada.

MEETING FORMAT AND THEMES

Metropolis Conferences are structured to offer a multidisciplinary cross-sectoral look at a multitude of facets of migration, highlighting common challenges and opportunities and creating synergies and collaborations. Note that participation in the 2021 edition of this conference will be virtual given the current pandemic.

We invite you to submit a proposal for a workshop or a roundtable on the following or other related topics:

Global compacts and legal frameworks

- Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
- Global compact on refugees
- ILO Convention (n   189) on domestic workers, 2011
- Evolution of asylum rights
- Alternative paths and voices
- Regional Mobility Framework: CUSMA, EU, CEDEAO, CEAE, ASEAN

Migration flow

- Challenges and advances on migrant population data
- Intra and Inter regional migration

- Temporary and seasonal migration
- Migration and Gender

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Border closures
- Essential workers
- Workforce needs
- Access to vaccines and health services for migrants

Causes of voluntary and forced migrations

- Push factors: economic, political, religious, climatic
- Pull factors: economic, political, religious, climatic

Nomenclature and discourse

- Discourses evolution
- Nationale et internationale campaigns
- Nomenclature in support of objective 1 Global Compact on Migration
- Sources and references
- Disinformation and Fake News

The Role of Cities

- Welcoming Cities Networks and their impact
- Migration and Urban development
- Integration 'by the city'
- New Citizenship

Settlement, Inclusion, Integration

- Indigenous populations and migration
- Integration and Racial Discrimination
- Telework and its impact on integration
- Role of Businesses and the Private Sector

French as an added value

- For Economic Migration
- For Temporary and Seasonal Workers
- To Start a Business
- For Integration

French Language and the integration of Newcomers

- Learning French
- Challenges in the context of bilingualism or multilingualism
- Language, Art and Culture of Integration
- Recognition of experience/diplomas and transfer of competencies
- One language for a multitude of cultures

Evolving Citizenship

- Voting Rights and Citizenship
- Restrictive Definition and Limitation of Access
- Statelessness

SESSION FORMATS

- **Workshops (60 minutes):** Workshops will usually consist of a minimum of two to a maximum of three presentations of 10-15 mins each followed by discussion. Workshop organizers will preside over the session or designate another individual to do so.
- **Roundtables (60 minutes):** The roundtable format is suitable for more informal discussions of emerging issues or controversies. It is a very effective format for the exchange of information and experiences among a relatively small number of people. The organizer or designated person chairs the virtual roundtable with other discussants.
- **The Selection committee will also consider individual submissions with a view to integrating them within an existing workshop or round-table.**

SELECTION CRITERIA

Please submit your proposals in French, with a clear title, a summary, a description as well as a list of confirmed presenters. As far as possible, we encourage you to create workshops and round-tables with panelists from participating countries other than your own, keeping in mind that the **conference will take place in French**. A selection committee will meet to evaluate the submissions.

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL (deadline September 30, 2021)

Please send your submissions [via our online form](#) at the latest by **September 30, 2021** including:

- Name and email address of the organizer
- Format of the session (workshop, roundtable or poster presentation)
- Title of the session
- Names of co-organizers (if applicable)
- Names of presenters including their email address, affiliation and the titles of their presentation
- 50-word abstract which will be included in the program (please make sure it is descriptive but is also formulated to interest as many forum participants as possible)

Make sure to confirm that all presenters in your session are available and willing to participate and note that all conference delegates, including all presenters on the program, are required to register and pay the conference registration fee.

>> [ONLINE FORM TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL](#) <<

For more information on registering for the conference or submitting a proposal, please contact Chloé Nignol at chloe.nignol@acs-aec.ca.