



Bridging the Americas: Migration, Integration, Inclusion

Metropolis Americas conference in collaboration with the
World Refugee & Migration Council

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8:00-9:30 PDT | 9:00-10:30 CST | 11:00- 12:30 EDT

90 minutes

Opening Remarks / Launch of Metropolis Americas

- **Jack Jedwab**, President & CEO, ACS-Metropolis Institute, Canada
- **Catrina Tapley**, Deputy Minister, Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

Co-Chair: Metropolis Americas

- **Katharine M. Donato**, Director, Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University, USA
- **Silvia E. Giorguli-Saucedo**, Presidente de El Colegio de México (Colmex) México.

Migration in the Americas: challenges and opportunities

Featured Speakers from the World Refugee and Migrant Council's Central and North American Task Force on Migration

The North and Central American Task Force on Migration is a non-governmental forum of academics, civil society and business leaders, and former policymakers in dialogue with current government officials created to facilitate a broadly driven solution dialogue among the countries involved in the crisis of migration and forced displacement in the region.

The co-chairs will speak to the migration challenges in the Western Hemisphere.

- **The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy**, Chair of the World Refugee & Migration Council and one of Canada's leading voices on global migration and refugee protection
- **Maria Eugenia Brizuela de Avila**, Commissioner of the International Commission on Missing Persons, she is an engaged lawyer, leader in the financial and insurance sectors and was Foreign Minister of El Salvador.

Link to attend: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81524124306>

PDT 9:45-10:45 | CST 10:45- 11:45 | EDT 12:45-13:45

60 minutes

Workshop 1: Climate change and migration:

Changing environmental conditions has been part of humanity's migration history. Yet, today's climate change impact on migration is at a global scale. How can we define the issue, its impact and some potential solutions?

- **Allan Rock**, former Minister of Justice, is the president emeritus and a professor of law at the University of Ottawa.
- **Amali Tower**, founder and executive director of Climate Refugees with extensive global experience in refugee protection & resettlement having worked globally for numerous NGOs, the UN Refugee Agency and the US Refugee Admissions Program.
- **Susana B. Adamo**, Research Scientist at the Columbia Climate School/Earth Institute at Columbia University, contributing author of the World Bank Groundswell report on climate change and migration in the Americas.

Link to attend: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89283706783>

11:00-12:00 PDT | 12:00-13:00 CST | 14:00 – 15:00 EDT

60 minutes

Roundtable 2: "Lessons at our Borders: what we learned from the Pandemic?"

Since the onset of the Pandemic in spring 2020, migration, travel, trade and critical supply chains via land borders have all encountered challenges. Public health concerns have modified our existing policies and practices at land borders. As restrictions are in the process of being lifted, what will the border's new normal look like for the United States and Canada and the United States and Mexico? What do the evolving circumstances south of the Mexican border imply for the migration management? What are the priorities as regards research that is needed to assist policy making at North America's borders?

- **Jack Jedwab**, President ACS-Metropolis, Canada
- **Theresa Cardinal Brown**, Managing Director, Immigration and Cross-Border Policy, Bipartisan Policy Center, Washington. USA.
- **Dr. Rodolfo Cruz Piñeiro**, Director, Departamento de Estudios de Población El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Tijuana, México
- **Dr. Laurie Trautman** Director of the Border Policy Research Institute at Western Washington University and Global Fellow with the Woodrow Wilson Center and a Fellow with the Canadian Global Affairs Institute.

Link to attend: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81865092611>

12:15-13:15 PDT | 15:15-16:15 CST | 15:15 - 16:15 EDT

60 minutes

Workshop 3: Moving from Latin America to Canada and the USA: Migration and Integration

This workshop will look at migration patterns from Latin America to Canada and the USA and highlight integration challenges and opportunities in select cities in both countries. .

- **Paul Holley**, Director of Research, ACS-Metropolis Institute, Canada
- **Andrew Lim**, Director of Research, American Immigration Council, USA

Link to attend: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84961229186>

13:30-14:30 PDT | 14:30-15:30 CST | 16:30-17:30 EDT

60 minutes

Workshop 4: New partnership to support Foreign Workers in times of crisis

The Global compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration presents several objectives related to the work of Consular services to protect their nationals who are migrant workers. This panel will look at a new programme financed by the Canadian Government to enable a local NGO in coordinating a formalized consular network. Flood, fire, pandemic are recent crises the group managed.

- **Hugo Velazquez**, Senior Manager, Mosaic
- **Berenice Diaz Ceballos**, Consul General of Mexico,
- **Oscar Padilla**, Consul General of Guatemala

Link to attend: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86104754862>

14:45-15:45 PDT | 15:45-16:45 CST | 17:45-18:45 EDT

60 minutes

Closing plenary: New directions for regional reflection, engagement and actions

The panel will present some recommendations and advances on new narratives, alternative pathways and the increasing role of local actors. The panel will also help us understand the priorities for further reflection and actions as we inaugurate this new multidisciplinary network.

- **Professor Silvia Gorgiuli**, President of El Colegio de México (Colmex), past Director of CEDUA from 2009 to 2015, President of the Mexican Society of Demography from 2011 to 2012, and Founding Director of the magazine Coyuntura Demográfica.
- **President Laura Chinchilla Miranda**, engaged in promotion of the rights of women, on the protection of children and on environmental sustainability, she was President of the Republic of Costa Rica 2010-2014.
- **Professor Elizabeth Ferris**, research professor with the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service Service and an adjunct professor in the Georgetown Law School, she has served as Senior Advisor to the UN General Assembly's Summit for Refugees and Migrants in New York (2016) and as expert advisor to the UN's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement (2019-2021).
- **Mohammad Mousa**, Canadian Commission UNESCO. Chair, Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities of Canada and member of the Steering committee - UNESCO International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities.

Link to attend: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88274371934>