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RESPONDING TO THE UKRAINIAN REFUGEE CRISIS IN CANADA AND POLAND

June 2, 2022 | 11:00 am – 2:10 pm (EST)

8:00 am - 11:10 am (PST) | 5:00 pm - 8:10 pm (CET)

11:00 am - 11:15 am (EST) - Opening Remarks

8:00 am - 8:15 am (PST) | 5:00 pm - 5:15 pm (CET)

- The Honourable Senator Donna Dasko, The Senate of Canada
- H.E. Mr. Witold Dzielski, Ambassador-Designate of the Republic of Poland

11:15 am - 12:30 pm (EST) - Panel 1

8:15 am - 9:30 am (PST) | 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm (CET)

Understanding the Views of Host/Receiving Communities in Poland and Canada -

Presentation and Analysis of attitudes towards Ukrainian refugees in Poland and Canada

To-date Poland has taken in the majority of Ukrainian refugees since the Russian invasion. Many Poles have been welcoming Ukrainian families into their homes, gathering donations and volunteering to help. But there are growing public concerns about a reduced capacity to accommodate the various needs of the refugees and other countries will have to step in to support their entry and settlement. Canada is a key actor in this regard. Over the past few years it has dealt with multiple waves of refugees and there are concerns about capacity. Workshops will examine the views of the host or welcoming communities and share insights into how they respectively view the situation of the refugees.

- **Session Chair: Agnieszka Weinar**, Adjunct Research Professor, Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University
- **Jonathan Scovil**, Researcher-Analyst, Public Opinion Research Center (CBOS), Poland

- **Jack Jedwab**, President and CEO, Metropolis Institute and the Association for Canadian Studies
 - **Marta Pachocka**, Assistant Professor, Institute of International Studies, Warsaw School of Economics and Head of the Migration Policies Research Unit at the Centre of Migration Research (CMR) of the University of Warsaw
 - **Michael Kalin**, Director, Client Experience, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
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12:40 pm - 1:55 pm (EST) - Panel 2

9:40 am - 10:55 am (PST) | 6:40 pm - 7:55 pm (CET)

The Situation on the Ground for Ukrainian Refugees in Poland and Canada

As the Russian invasion of Ukraine continues with no end in sight, refugees are arriving with few resources and frequently in need of considerable assistance. Poland has established several reception centers across the country to receive and assist Ukrainian refugees. Canada has many established migrant settlement agencies across the country that are tasked with supporting newcomers. Both countries have varying challenges in addressing the needs of the refugees for shelter/housing, work, accessing health services and providing support to children and the elderly, amongst other things. This round table will hear from people on the ground in Poland and Canada to see what insights can be shared in responding effectively to the needs of the refugees.

- **Session Chair: Corinne Prince**, Director General, Afghanistan Settlement Branch at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and Co-Chair of Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven
 - **Chris Friesen**, Interim Co-Executive Director, The Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance (CISSA-ACSEI), National Secretariat and Co-Chair of Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven Post Arrival Phase
 - **Helen (Olena) Bulat**, Chair of the Working Group for Ukrainian Displaced Persons and Refugees (UCC National Office)
 - **Magdalena Wojno**, Commission coordinator Union of Polish Cities
 - **Konrad Pędziwiatr**, Principal Investigator and Coordinator of the Multiculturalism and Migration Observatory, Senior Researcher in the Centre for Advanced of Population and Religion, Associated Professor in the Department of International Affairs, Cracow University of Economics, Poland
 - **Kuba Wygnański**, President of Unit for Social Innovation and Research SHIPYARD, Poland
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1:55 pm - 2:10 pm (EST) - Closing Remarks

10:55 am - 11:10 am (PST) | 7:55 pm - 8:10 pm (CET)

- **Lloyd Axworthy**, President, World Migration and Refugee Council