

25 Years of Conversation on Migration: Our Legacy, Our Future



March 16-18, 2023 | The Westin Ottawa, Ontario

This year will mark 25 years since the first National Metropolis (Metropolis Canada) conference was held. Today, Metropolis Canada is by far the country's largest annual gathering of immigrant service providers, policy makers and researchers. It's thanks to so many of you who come to the Conference each year that we've remained the country's premier event on key issues around immigration, integration and settlement. Over twenty-five years of conversation together, we've created an unprecedented body of work on migration. This anniversary offers us an important opportunity to take stock of how immigration, integration and settlement have evolved over time and reflect upon what the future might hold. It also comes at a pivotal time with the country admitting record numbers of newcomers as our world navigates elevated degrees of economic and political and environmental uncertainty.

Please join us in Ottawa at Westin from March 16-18th 2023 for the annual Metropolis Canada Conference: “**25 YEARS OF CONVERSATION ON MIGRATION: OUR LEGACY, OUR FUTURE**”. We fully expect this will be the largest Metropolis Canada Conference to date.

The call for proposals aims to cover the widest possible range of topics on immigration, integration, inclusion and identities. As always, immigrant service providers, policy makers and researchers and other key stakeholders from across Canada will have the opportunity to hold in-depth conversations about emerging policy needs, best practices share the latest data and research findings so we can all leverage the vast knowledge that has been cultivated from our Metropolis network to move the immigration conversation forward.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER:

In order to open as many opportunities as possible for the most participants, we ask that:

- Organizers promote the participation of as many different presenters as possible;
- Participants may organize more than one session but on different topics;
- An organizer can choose to participate in additional workshops as a chair, participant or discussant;
- Each person listed as an organizer, participant, chair or discussant in a workshop **must register to the conference** either as a day or full conference participant **and pay the applicable registration fees**. Please inform your presenters of this requirement when inviting them to participate in your workshop and provide us with e-mail contact information for all in your session.

SUBMIT A PROPOSAL:

We're inviting a limited number of workshop proposals to be submitted with a particular focus on recommendations aimed at addressing the many challenges in the area of immigration, integration and settlement and ideally employing evidenced-based presentations.

SESSION FORMATS:

- **Workshops (75 minutes)**

Workshops will usually consist of a minimum of two to a maximum of three presentations of approximately 10-15 mins each followed by discussion. Workshop organizers will preside over the session or designate another individual to do so.

- **Roundtables (75 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 roundtable with other discussants.

- **Poster Sessions**

Poster sessions provide an alternative format through which conference participants can share research which has not been otherwise presented. Posters should provide some conclusive results, even if preliminary.

** If you are interested in presenting a paper, we strongly encourage you to solicit colleagues from your area of expertise in order to submit a workshop proposal. If you do not have the time or the contacts to put together a workshop proposal but you are still interested in presenting your paper, please consider selecting a "poster presentation option" format when prompted.*

Some of the important issues to be addressed at the conference include:

- Refugee entry and resettlement
- Refugee sponsorship in Canada
- Complementary pathways for refugees
- Lessons learned from Ukraine and Afghanistan – building for a resilient future in crisis management
- Migrant Rights
- Climate refugees and environmental migration
- Addressing the backlog on immigrant processing
- Intergovernmental Cooperation on Migration

- Digital transformation in the settlement sector
- AI, Machine Learning, and Automation in Immigration Selection
- Sustainable strategies for non-profit governance
- Program evaluation and monitoring for Settlement Services
- Capacity building tools for the settlement sector
- Effective engagement of new partners in the settlement and integration process

- International Cooperation on Migration
 - Canada, the Americas and Immigration
 - Immigration and the International Francophonie
 - Immigration and International Aid and Development
 - International Students
 - The Global Compact on Refugees
 - Two-step migration
 - Issues at the Border
 - Migration and transnationalism
 - The Role of Diasporas in Migration
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- Lessons from the pandemic
 - Migration and Mental Health
 - Migration and the Social Determinants of Health
 - Newcomer Access to Health Care
 - Immigration, resettlement and housing
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- Temporary foreign workers
 - Labour market integration in uncertain economic times
 - Immigration and the Changing Workplace
 - Immigrant integration in the 'hybrid' workplace
 - Employment Equity and Employer Practices
 - Economic integration of newcomers
 - Immigration and Entrepreneurship
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- Public Opinion and Immigration
 - Public Messaging on Immigration
 - Media and Immigration
 - Immigration History and Narratives
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- Migration and Identities
 - The 2021 Census on Immigration, Ethnic Origins, Visible Minorities and Religious Groups
 - Revisiting goals in diversity and inclusive cities
 - Integration and Inclusion
 - Fighting Racism
 - Immigration and Official Language Minorities
 - Welcoming Communities

TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL, CLICK HERE: <https://bit.ly/metCAN2023-submit>

The deadline to submit is December 2, 2022.

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