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# MIRPS SUPPORT PLATFORM SIGNATURE EVENT

May 24th - 26th, 2022  
Location: Ottawa, Canada

Canada



## AGENDA

Location: Fairmont Château Laurier, Ballroom - 1 Rideau St, Ottawa

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### Day One: Resettlement & Complementary Pathways

08:15-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Opening High-Level Panel

*The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada*

*Eduardo Enrique Reina García, Minister, Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation (Recorded)*

*Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner, UNHCR (Recorded)*

09:30-9:45 Introduction on Resettlement & Complementary Pathways  
Overview of Resettlement and Complementary Pathways

*Gillian Triggs, Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR*

*Carol McQueen, Director General, Resettlement & Asylum Strategic Operations, IRCC*

*Marian Campbell Jarvis, Sr. Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Sector, IRCC (MODERATOR)*

09:45-10:30 Panel: Complementary pathways for admission to third countries:  
Education Programmes + Labour Mobility schemes  
Sharing good practices and examples of complementary pathways

*Korey McKinnon, Director, Immigration Branch*

*Dana Wagner, Co-Founder and Managing Director, TalentLift*

*Adrian Melendez, Executive Director, Project Habesha*

*Michelle Manks, Senior Manager, World University Service of Canada*

*Dr. Manjula Luthria , Senior Economist, World Bank (Virtual)*

*Photinie Koutsavlis, Director General, Refugee Affairs, IRCC (Moderator)*

**10:30-11:00 Q&A Session**

**11:00-11:15 Break**

**11:15-12:00 Panel: [Cont.] Complementary pathways for admission to third countries: Family reunification + Community Sponsorship**  
Sharing good practices and examples of complementary pathways

*Melissa Fama, Director, Resettlement Policy, Refugee Affairs, IRCC*

*Liesbeth Browaeys, Resettlement Officer, Fedasil, Belgium*

*Juan Pablo Terminiello, Senior Regional Legal Officer, UNHCR*

*Malti Taneja, Department for Migration, Refugees and Asylum, Federal Chancellery, Germany (Virtual)*

*Photinie Koutsavlis, Director General, Refugee Affairs, IRCC (Moderator)*

**12:00-12:30 Q&A Session**

**12:30-13:30 Lunch**

**13:30 -17:00 Site Visits**  
Refugee reception, resettlement, and complementary pathway organizations

**18:00-20:00 Evening Reception – Open Invitation to Signature Event Participants**  
*Laurier Room, Château Laurier, 1 Rideau St.*

## **2 Day Two: Integration**

**09:00-09:15 Welcome and Recap**

*Catherine Scott, Assistant Deputy Minister, Settlement and Integration, IRCC*

**09:15-10:15 Panel: Integration I – Policy Overview**  
Integration policy frameworks and programs

*Dan Hiebert, Professor, Centre for Migration Studies, University of British Columbia*

*Paula Pincombe, a/Senior Director, Strategic and Horizontal Policy and Planning, Settlement and Integration Policy Branch, IRCC*

*Fariborz Birjandian, CEO, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS)*

*Vincent Catot, European Commission, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (virtual)*

*José Antonio Miguel Polo, Deputy Director, International Protection Program Directorate, Migration Department*

*David Cashaback a/Director General, Settlement & Integration Policy, IRCC (MODERATOR)*

**10:15-10:45 Q&A Session**

**10:45-11:00 Break**



<b>11:00-12:00</b>	<p><b>Panel: Integration II – Local integration policies and practices in the Americas</b> Exploring examples of good practices for local integration in the Americas</p> <p><i>Felipe Munoz, Inter-American Development Bank (Virtual)</i> <i>Andrew Selee, President, Migration Policy Institute</i> <i>Osorio Vilela Filho, Eligibility Officer, Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Brazil</i> <i>Germán Gutiérrez Gómez, Director, COMAR , Mexico</i> <i>Mariana Echandi, Associate Durable Solutions Officer, UNHCR, Mexico</i> <i>Johnny Marin, Lawyer, Director General of Migration and External Affairs</i> <i>Alvero Calderon, Director, Cooperación Internacional, MFA, Colombia</i></p> <p><i>David Cashaback a/Director General, Settlement &amp; Integration Policy Branch, IRCC (MODERATOR)</i></p>
<b>12:00-12:30</b>	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch – GRSI Program</b>
<b>14:00-17:00</b>	<p><b>Site Visits</b> Settlement services, volunteer, and community organizations</p>

### 3 Day Three: Mobilizing Partners

<b>09:00-09:30</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Recap</b>
<b>09:30-10:30</b>	<p><b>Panel: Community Mobilization and Welcome</b> Mobilizing whole of society approaches to protection for those in need</p> <p><i>Robin Dowse-Willoughby, Refugee Resettlement and Integration Unit, Home Office, United Kingdom</i> <i>Sarah Cross, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees &amp; Migration (PRM), Department of State, United States</i> <i>Alfredo Mariano Lopez Rita, Director General, Directorate General of Immigration, Argentina</i></p> <p><i>Jennifer Bond, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law (Moderator)</i></p>
<b>10:30-11:15</b>	<p><b>Panel: Private Sector Mobilization</b> Showcasing responses to community refugee protection</p> <p><i>David Crawford, Managing Partner, Fragomen</i> <i>Oumar Dicko, National Director, Government Partnerships, Windmill Microlending</i> <i>Laís Yumi Nitta, Head of the Regional Office, Sao Paulo, General Coordination of the National Committee for Refugees</i> <i>Art DeFehr, Palliser Furniture, Canada/Mexico</i></p> <p><i>Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian -Director of the Department of Social Inclusion at the Organization of American States (OAS) (Moderator)</i></p>
<b>11:15-11:30</b>	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>
<b>11:30-12:15</b>	<b>Panel: Programming and Leadership for Specific Populations</b>

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Showcasing best practices in programming and leadership in responding to the unique needs of populations such as women, girls and LGBTQ individuals.

*Melania Reyes, Coordinator, MOMUCLAA, Honduras (Virtual)*  
*Aleks Dughman-Manzur, President, Canadian Council for Refugees / Rainbow Refugee*  
*Agnes Thomas, Executive Director, Catholic Cross Cultural Centre, Toronto*

*Alexandra Mackenzie, Director, Foreign Policy Planning, Global Affairs Canada (MODERATOR)*

**12:15-12:30 Q&A Session**

**12:30-13:00 Closing Remarks**

*Caroline Xavier, Acting Deputy Minister, IRCC*  
*Wilson Paz, General Director for the Protection of Honduran Migrants, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Honduras*  
*Katherine Perkins, Deputy Director, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State, United States of America*  
*Bahati Ernestine, Economic Mobility Pilot Program Consultant, RefugePoint*

**13:00-14:30 Lunch**

## ***\*END OF PLENARY PROGRAM***

### **Afternoon Program – May 26**

- ➔ **2:45 PM - GRSI States Network Meeting (by invitation), 365 Laurier Ave W, International Rm**
- ➔ **3:00 PM - MIRPS & MIRPS SP Meeting (by invitation), Château Laurier, Ballroom**

