

Leaders' Roundtable on Immigration

Three-Year Meeting Plan, 2010-13			
2009-10	Meeting 9	<p>April 20-21, 2010—Vancouver, BC</p> <p>THEME: Leveraging Immigrant Talent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present an update on the Roundtable's research programs, including: innovation, entrepreneurs and the return on investment at the firm level. • Present the BC perspective on immigration issues. • Update from the Fairness Commissioners on credentialing, licensure and legislation. • Address issues of consistency and portability of credential assessments – presented by CICIC. <p>Research: Immigrants as Innovators: An element of Canada's strategy for global competitiveness (to be released June 2010).</p>	<p>October 18-19, 2010—Montreal, QC</p> <p>THEME: Multiculturalism, Rights and Reasonable Accommodation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour market outcomes of recent immigrants. • Cultural distance as a mitigating factor for immigrants' integration into the labour market and society. • Quebec's immigration policies and programs. • Multilingualism as an asset to Canada's economy. The context and debate in Quebec. <p>Research: Quebec based researchers will be invited to present their findings.</p>
	Meeting 11	<p>January 24-25, 2011—Ottawa, ON</p> <p>THEME: Implementation of the Pan-Canadian Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from CIC, HRSDC, Health Canada, and regulatory bodies. • Labour market mobility and credential portability. • Secondary migration from large to small communities. <p>Research: Firm level Return on Investment from Hiring Immigrants</p> <p>Keynote Presentation: Glen Hodgson, Chief Economist, The Conference Board of Canada</p>	
2010-11	Meeting 12	<p>April 12-13, 2011—St. John's, NF</p> <p>THEME: Immigrant Entrepreneurs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entrepreneurial capacity of immigrants • Succession planning for SMEs. • The economic argument for supporting immigrant entrepreneurs. • Strategies to stimulate immigrant enterprises. <p>Research: Leveraging the Talents, Networks and Resources of Immigrant Entrepreneurs</p>	<p>October 17-18, 2011—Toronto, ON</p> <p>THEME: Immigration Supporting SME Growth and Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs and policies that can help SMEs tap into immigrant talent. • Address strategies for reaching out to SMEs with information about the immigrant workforce. • The role of community support agencies and business associations in closing the gaps for SME labour needs.
	Meeting 14	<p>January 23-24, 2012—Ottawa, ON</p> <p>THEME: Major Threats to Canada's Immigration Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awakening from the dream, is Canada failing its immigrants? • Cross-border security, the potential impact of tightened borders. • The growing competition, Australia, New Zealand, China, India, Europe... • The flight risk of human capital. 	
2011-12	Meeting 15	<p>April 24-25, 2012—Toronto, On</p> <p>THEME: Workforce Strategy 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an open forum for all issues relating to workforce strategy and development. • Offer best practices and innovative solutions designed for a variety of clients, including Immigrants and other diverse groups. • Bring together delegates from across Canada to share their experience and expertise in people-centred investments. • Address the needs and differences of the various generations in the current workforce. 	<p>October 15-18, 2012— Winnipeg, MN</p> <p>THEME: The Manitoba Story</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evolution of the Provincial Nominee Programs from coast to coast to coast. • Immigrants as Citizens vs. Workers: The debate. • A revisit to Brandon: The fruition of community engagement. <p>Action Research: A site visit to Brandon.</p>
	Meeting 17	<p>January 21-22, 2013— Jasper, AB</p> <p>THEME: Illustrating the Role of Immigration in Specific Areas of the Economy: The Tourism Sector</p>	