National Immigration Centre (NIC)

Fall 2019 Meeting Agenda
October 17-18, 2019, Banff, AB

Theme: Immigration and the Future of Work

Meeting Objectives

- Gain an understanding of the recent evolution of Canada’s labour market and the growing need for economic immigration
- Stress the importance of better labour market integration for new immigrants
- Discuss the potential impacts of technology and other disruptions on the labour market
- Preview the Conference Board’s research on investor and entrepreneur immigration
- Discuss the NIC research agenda and theme(s) for the 2020 Summit

Meeting Location
Moose Hotel and Suites, 345 Banff Avenue, Banff, AB

Accommodations
Moose Hotel and Suites
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Thursday, October 17, 2019

7:00 a.m.- Breakfast Buffet
8:45 a.m. Pacini Restaurant – Mezzanine Level

8:45 a.m. Registration
Room: Canoe Meeting Room

9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks by The Conference Board of Canada

*Pedro Antunes*, Chief Economist, The Conference Board of Canada
*Jo-Leen Folz*, Network Officer, The Conference Board of Canada

9:10 a.m. Session 1: The View from Calgary
The Honorable Jason Copping, Alberta’s Minister of Labour and Immigration, will join us to engage in an *in-camera* dialogue with meeting attendees. In addition to providing an overview of Calgary’s immigration priorities, Minister Copping will share his thoughts on the keys to the province’s immigration success and areas in which Calgary can improve so it can continue to support economic growth through immigration.

*Jason Copping*, Alberta’s Minister of Labour and Immigration

9:50 a.m. Networking Break

10:10 a.m. Session 2: Is Canada Labour Constrained
Canada depends on Immigration, yet global growth likely peaked in 2018 and geopolitical risks are mounting. This presentation will give participants an opportunity to understand how global trends may be shaping Canada’s near-term economic outlook.

*Pedro Antunes*, Chief Economist, The Conference Board of Canada

11:00 a.m. Session 3: Gender Issues, Immigrant Women in the Workforce

*Naomi Lightman*, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
*University of Calgary*
11:50 p.m.   **Networking Luncheon**  
Room: Canoe Meeting Room

1:00 p.m.   **Session 4: High Tech**

*Dr. Kai Chan*, Director of Research, Centre for the Study of Living Standards

1:45 p.m.   **Session 5: Consumer Protection and the Immigration System**

Despite the considerable achievements of the immigration and citizenship consulting profession, it has long been plagued by unauthorized representatives who prey on society’s most vulnerable. With the *College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants Act* receiving royal assent, we can look forward to more robust safeguards for consumers and greater regulatory authority to pursue unauthorized representatives.

*Dory Jade*, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC)

2:30 p.m.   **Networking Break**

2:50 p.m.   **Session 6: Tourism Perspective on Labour Market Issues**

*Moderator: Mark Holthe*, Lawyer, Vice-Chair, National Immigration Law Section, Canadian Bar Association

*Corinne Prince*, Director General, Settlement and Integration Policy, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

*Calum MacDonald*, Vice-President, Labour Market Intelligence, Tourism HR Canada

*Dave Kaiser*, CEO, Alberta Hotel and Lodging Association

4:20 p.m.   **Summary of the Day and Free Time to Enjoy Banff**

6:30 p.m.   **Informal Network Dinner** (Sponsored)  
Restaurant: *The Maple Leaf Grill and Lounge*, 137 BANFF AVE, BOX 3150, BANFF ALBERTA. T1L 1C8

The reservation will be under *The Conference Board of Canada*.
Friday, October 18, 2019

7:00 a.m.- Breakfast Buffet
8:45 a.m. Pacini Restaurant – Mezzanine Level

8:45 a.m. Registration
Room: Canoe Meeting Room

9:00 a.m. Session 7: Panel on Foreign Credentials

*Moderator: Shamira Madhany, Managing Director, Deputy Executive Director, World Education Services*

*Claudia Hepburn, CEO, Windmill Microlending*

*Ruth Lee, Executive Director, CARE Centre for Internationally Educated Nurses*

*Jenny Okonkwo, Founder, Black Female Accountants Network*

10:30 a.m. Networking Break

10:50 a.m. Session 8: Investor and Entrepreneur Immigration

One of the Conference Board’s economists from Ottawa will join us to discuss an ongoing research project. Canada has very poor levels of business investment and a looming small business succession crisis. Can renewed business immigration programs help support Canada’s economy with these challenges?

*Robyn Gibbard, Economist, The Conference Board of Canada*

11:35 a.m. Session 9: Shaping the Conference Board’s Research

*Pedro Antunes, Chief Economist, The Conference Board of Canada*

12:00 a.m. Meeting Adjournment