



National Immigration Centre (NIC)

Spring 2022 Members Meeting Agenda

April 14, 20 & 21, 2022 | Virtual Event (MS Teams)

Theme: The Impacts of Immigration – A Workshop

In Canada there is significant public discussion about the economic benefits of immigration. This discussion often focuses on issues such as driving population growth, improving the worker-to-retiree ratio, and addressing persistent labour shortages. However, the influence of immigration on life in Canada is multi-faceted and complex. Many of the impacts of immigration are left out of the discussion because they are difficult to measure or because there is not enough evidence to prove the impact.

The purpose of the Spring 2022 NIC Members Meeting is to hold a visioning session about the wide-ranging impacts of immigration in Canada. We will consider the current narratives about immigration and the gaps in these narratives to set a research agenda that will fill gaps in existing evidence about the impacts of immigration. The goal is to dream big about what the conversation about immigration should be and how to build an evidence base to support those conversations. We ask you to come to the session ready to brainstorm and share.

Meeting objectives

- Critically examine current discussions about immigration
- Identify gaps in current discussions about immigration, as well as gaps in evidence about the impacts of immigration
- Learn how the economic impacts of immigration are currently measured and modeled
- Launch a holistic research agenda on the impacts of immigration that includes non-economic/social/cultural benefits, as well as hard-to-measure economic returns.

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Session 1, April 14th, 2022: “*Making the Case for Immigration*”

Key questions to consider for Session 1:

- Which audiences do you speak to about immigration and supporting immigrants?
- What are benefits of immigration that are not discussed often enough or don't have enough evidence to allow you to make the case for immigration?

1:00 p.m. –

1:15 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Iain Reeve, Associate Director, Immigration, The Conference Board of Canada

Jo-Leen Folz, Council Manager, The Conference Board of Canada

1:15 p.m. –

2:15 p.m. Keynote Panel – An Overview of Immigration Benefits

Moderator: Iain Reeve, Associate Director, Immigration, The Conference Board of Canada

Rania Younes, Project Manager, National Network, Immigrant Employment Council of BC

Daniel Bernhard, CEO, Institute for Canadian Citizenship

2:15 p.m. –

2:30 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. –

3:15 p.m. Facilitated Discussion in Breakout Groups

CBoC Facilitators:

- **Iain Reeve, Associate Director, Immigration**
- **Yilmaz Dinç, Senior Research Associate I**
- **Kathryn Denler, Research Associate II**
- **Jo-Leen Folz, Council Manager**

3:15 p.m. –

4:00 p.m. Plenary Workshop

Facilitator: Iain Reeve, Associate Director, Immigration, The Conference Board of Canada



4:00 p.m. **Adjourn Session 1**

Session 2, April 20th, 2022: “Economic Impacts of Immigration”

Key questions to consider for Session 2:

- What are some of the economic impacts of immigration that are harder to measure or do not have enough evidence yet?
- What tools would you like to see to measure and communicate the economic impacts of immigration?

1:00 p.m. –

1:05 p.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Yilmaz Dinc, Senior Research Associate I, The Conference Board of Canada

1:05 p.m. –

1:45 p.m. **Measuring Economic Impacts of Immigration**

Pedro Antunes, Chief Economist, The Conference Board of Canada

Iain Reeve, Associate Director, Immigration, The Conference Board of Canada

1:45 p.m. –

2:30 p.m. **Plenary Workshop**

Facilitator: Yilmaz Dinc, Senior Research Associate I, The Conference Board of Canada

2:30 p.m. –

3:00 a.m. **Facilitated Discussion in Breakout Groups**

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3:00 p.m. –

3:15 p.m. **Breakout Group Summary and Adjourn Session 2**

Yilmaz Dinc, Senior Research Associate I, The Conference Board of



Canada

Session 3, April 21, 2021: “Social and Cultural Benefits of Immigration”

Key questions to consider for Session 3:

- What are the social and cultural benefits of immigration?
- Who benefits from the social and cultural influences of immigration, and how?

1:00 p.m. –

1:05 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Kathryn Dennler, Research Associate II, The Conference Board of Canada

1:05 p.m. –

1:45 p.m. The Social/Cultural Benefits of Immigration

Moderator: Kathryn Dennler, Research Associate II, The Conference Board of Canada

Florentien Verhage, GVLIP Coordinator, Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria

Yosief Araya, Director of the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program, Catholic Crosscultural Services

1:45 p.m. –

2:30 p.m. Plenary Workshop

Facilitator: Kathryn Dennler, Research Associate II, The Conference Board of Canada

2:30 p.m. –

3:15 p.m. Facilitated Discussion in Breakout Groups

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3:15 p.m. –

3:30 p.m. Breakout Group Summary and Adjourn Session 3

**Kathryn Dennler, Research Associate II, The Conference Board of
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