



WELCOMING COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

GOVERNING COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS
REVIEW OF WCI RESEARCH PROJECTS

CHATEAU LAURIER HOTEL
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2011

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| 8:15 – 8:45 AM | Registration
Coffee, tea, and pastries |
| 8:45 – 9:00 AM | Meeting goals
WCI Co-Chairs: Victoria Esses (University of Western Ontario) and Carl Nicholson (Catholic Immigration Centre) |
| 9:00 – 9:30 AM | Taking stock of WCI accomplishments
Victoria Esses – Highlights from the SSHRC CURA mid-term report and the Pathways to Prosperity Partnership application |
| 9:30 – 10:30 AM | Optimizing the utility of WCI research for community organizations
Carl Nicholson – Interactive discussion involving WCI Governing Council members focusing on the following two questions: On what aspects of the LIP initiative would community members be most interested in seeing additional research conducted by the WCI? What would be the most effective way to communicate the research findings to them and their organizations? |
| 10:30 – 11:00 AM | Coffee, tea, and refreshments |
| 11:00 – 11:45 AM | Discussion of phase 2 of the domain best practices research project
Meyer Burstein – Discussion involving WCI Governing Council members |

- 11:45 – 12:00 PM** **Discussion of additional areas of research activity**
Meyer Burstein – Discussion involving WCI Governing Council members
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM** **Buffet lunch (served in the room)**
Governing Council will be joined by invited guests from the Policy, Program, Research communities
- 1:00 – 1:30 PM** **Presentation by CIC Research and Evaluation Branch regarding CIC research and evaluation priorities**
Bruce Jamieson, Director, Research and Evaluation, Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- 1:30 – 1:45 PM** **Program performance indicators for LIPs including new national logic model**
Yves St Germain, Director, Information, Language and Community Policy, Integration Branch, and Anna Grzybinska, Senior Evaluation Analyst, Research and Evaluation, Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- 1:45 – 2:15 PM** **Research designed to develop baseline measures for assessing the LIP initiative and its success in producing more welcoming communities**
Zenaida Ravanera, University of Western Ontario. Comments will be sought from CIC’s Research and Evaluation Branch, CIC Ontario Region, community representatives, and researchers
- 2:15 – 2:45 PM** **Postsecondary decision-making processes and experiences of immigrant and visible minority applicants living in small, medium and large Ontario cities**
Peggy Sattler, Academica Research Group
- 2:45 – 3:00 PM** **Coffee, tea, and refreshments**
- 3:00 - 3:30 PM** **Perceived underemployment among immigrants in Canada: Predictors and consequences**
Leah Hamilton, University of Western Ontario
- 3:30 – 4:00 PM** **Opinion Leader Survey: Contrasting perspectives on immigration and diversity in Northern and other communities**
Livianna Tossutti, Brock University
- 4:00 – 4:30 PM** **Closing remarks and discussion of February conference**
Victoria Esses and Carl Nicholson