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**Canadian Council for Refugees
International Conference on Refugee Rights
17-19 June 2006, York University, Toronto ON**

All conference details and registration forms online at:

www.web.ca/ccr/intconf.htm

Are you interested in refugee rights? Do you want to know how Canadian refugee advocates can work together with refugee advocates in other countries? Yes? Well, then you won't want to miss this... This spring the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR) is holding an international conference on Refugee Rights.

Goals of the conference

The conference will bring together representatives of NGOs committed to refugee protection from around the world, including the Global South, and examine the state of refugee protection and the role being played by NGOs. The goal is to leave the conference with strategies to ensure that NGOs work together more effectively across borders to protect the rights of refugees. Non-NGOs that support the work of NGOs are also welcome to attend.

The conference will be an excellent opportunity to:

- meet and learn from experts in the field of refugee rights around the world
- exchange ideas on issues relating to refugees and the forcibly displaced
- connect with other people working to improve refugee rights internationally

Conference Sessions and Workshops

The conference will include: plenary sessions, workshops and working sessions to develop specific action items. These discussions will result in concrete follow up.

Workshops will be held on the following topics:

Combatting negative public opinion and promoting positive attitudes towards immigrants and refugees; Detention of asylum seekers; Economic and social rights of refugees; Family reunification; Forced return; Gender violence and refugees; Haiti; Integration of resettled refugees; Interdiction and access to protection; Internally displaced persons; Local integration; Mental health, torture and cultural diversity; Palestinian refugees; People without status; Professionalization of settlement; Refugee children; Refugee determination issues; Refugee youth; Resettlement; Security agenda and refugees; Survivors of torture; Statelessness; Theology of migration; Trafficking in persons; Voluntary repatriation; Warehousing; Welcoming communities.



Registration

To register, complete the registration form available at: www.web.ca/ccr/intconf.htm

Refugee Participation

The CCR is committed to promoting refugee participation. Refugees who have arrived in Canada within the last five years and who are without an organization that could pay their registration fee can register free of charge. Refugee participants must fill in a registration form, marking in REFUGEE PARTICIPANT, and send it to the CCR office by Friday, 2 June 2006.

Youth Participation

Who says that we're too young to make a difference? If you are under 26, join us in Toronto for the CCR Youth Caucus. Make youth voices heard on issues of refugee rights! Meet people from across Canada who are fighting for the rights of refugees and immigrants. Take CCR campaigns into your community, your way. Registration rates for youth participants are available on the conference website. For more details on the Youth Caucus, please contact Colleen French at ccr4@web.ca

Pass it on...

Please help us to promote the conference by passing this invitation to refugees and youth who might be interested in participating in the conference.

Accommodation

There are three options for accommodation available to Conference participants:

Dormitory rooms at Vanier residence at York University. To book a dormitory room, fill in the accommodation registration form, available at www.web.ca/ccr/intconf and send it no later than 1 June 2006 to Hospitality York.

Hotel rooms have been set aside for participants at specially negotiated rates. They are located within 30 minutes of the York University campus by public transport or 15 minutes by car. To book a room, contact the hotels listed at www.web.ca/ccr/intconf.htm and quote the Canadian Council for Refugees conference.

Billets are available, but are limited in number. Please contact Roberto Jovel at ccr2@web.ca for more details.

There's more!

You can also register for the conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM), taking place immediately after the CCR International Conference, at the same location, 18 - 22 June 2006. More information can be found at www.iasfm10.org

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