

National Forum: Improving Services and Protection for Trafficked Persons

Windsor, 2-3 December 2009



The National Forum is a cross-Canada initiative that aims at improving services and protecting trafficked non-citizens in Canada. It will bring together non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from across Canada to exchange information and strategies on protection and services to trafficked persons, in consultation with government and other interested stakeholders. The National Forum is an initiative led by the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR).

Objectives of the National Forum:

- > Increase awareness of trafficking issues among NGOs.
- > Facilitate information exchange and collaboration among NGOs and other stakeholders about the needs of and best responses to trafficked persons.
- > Develop recommendations to improve the protection of trafficked persons.

Expected participants:

- > NGOs involved in protection of and services to trafficked persons, such as the refugee and immigrant-serving sector, women's groups, labour, health and faith communities. (days 1 & 2)
- > Government (federal, provincial and municipal), including law enforcement. (day 2 only)
- > Academics and others with an interest in trafficking issues. (day 2 only)



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The National Forum is held in conjunction with the CCR Fall Consultation, also in Windsor, Ontario. The Consultation is a key opportunity to explore together how to build communities across Canada that are welcoming to refugees and immigrants. For more information, visit: www.ccrweb.ca

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Caesars Windsor, 377 Riverside Drive East, Windsor

Registration

Participation in the Forum will be free for those registered at the CCR Fall Consultation.

Alternatively, you can register specifically for the Forum. To register and for more information, go to the Forum webpage at: www.ccrweb.ca/traffickingforum.htm

Register by **13 November 2009** to benefit from the early registration fees.

Schedule

The Forum will take place over two days:

Day 1 (2 December): networking, information exchange and strategizing among NGOs.

Day 2 (3 December): dialogue between NGOs, government and others on services to and protection of trafficked persons in Canada.

Updated schedule information will be available on the Forum webpage at: www.ccrweb.ca/traffickingforum.htm

Accommodation

A block of rooms has been set aside for Forum participants at Caesars Windsor at the negotiated daily rate of \$135/night + taxes and fees for a single or double occupancy room (2 double beds). Participants must make their own reservations.

Information about the hotel is available online at: www.caesarswindsor.com

To reserve rooms at negotiated rates, book your room as soon as possible and **by 12 November**.

Reserve by phone toll-free at (800) 991-8888. You must say you are with the Canadian Council for Refugees, group number **CCR1203**, to receive the special reservation rate listed above.

For billeting possibilities, email consultation@ccrweb.ca by November 21st and a member of the local organizing committee will try to meet your request.

Getting to the National Forum

From the airport: A taxi costs about \$20 to the hotel.

From the ViaRail train station (Walker Rd): A taxi costs about \$20.

Forum participants receive a 10% discount on ViaRail when travelling to and from Windsor (valid 1 - 6 December 2009). Quote convention discount code: 11716. Discount applies to a maximum of two passengers per booking.

From the international (Greyhound) bus terminal (Chatham Rd): A taxi costs about \$5. It takes 13 minutes to walk to the hotel.

By car: From Toronto - Follow Highway 401, exit on Highway 3B and follow signs to Caesars Windsor.

For more information

For more information about the forum and how to participate see www.ccrweb.ca/traffickingforum.htm, or contact Varka Kalaydzhieva, tel.: (514) 277-7223 x3, varka@ccrweb.ca

For more information about the CCR's work on trafficking issues, see www.trafficking.ca