



# National Fall Consultation

Ottawa, 28 -30 November 2019

## Sharing responsibility: Nationally, regionally, globally

Join more than 300 others in Ottawa to explore current issues affecting refugee protection and newcomer settlement at our Fall Consultation. We will explore realities in Canada in a regional and global context. All are welcome to participate!

With views from all Canadian provinces and with experts in diverse fields, the Consultation offers opportunities for professional development, networking and strategy.

Since 1978 the CCR has connected people and organizations across Canada to support them as they work passionately and tirelessly to protect refugees and make Canada a welcoming home for newcomers.



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### Here's what some people like about CCR Consultations:

- “I loved the opportunity to share, but also to see the many people involved in the field! It’s energizing and motivational!”
- “My clients face these issues and it’s important for me to hear from other workers about possible solutions.”
- “It takes extra effort to keep updated when you do it on your own so being a part of the CCR and the energy of people who care was absolutely wonderful, refreshing, and a good reminder of what matters.”
- “A lot of the consultation was useful to me and my work. I feel that I will be able to bring a lot of what I learned back to my team.”
- “It was nice hearing questions, comments and concerns addressed by both people who work in the refugee sector and from refugees themselves.”
- “I appreciated the open environment and the speakers’ abilities to navigate a conversation so that everyone felt heard.

This is a provisional program.

Check updates at:

[ccrweb.ca/meetings](http://ccrweb.ca/meetings)

### Online Registration

You can register for the CCR Consultation online at:

[ccrweb.ca/en/registration](http://ccrweb.ca/en/registration)

Registration forms and payment must be received by

**Friday 1 November** to take advantage of the reduced rate.

### 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 can pay their registration fee can register free of charge. Refugee participants must complete their registration online, checking the REFUGEE category, by **Friday 21 November**.

### Youth Participation

Participants must be over 16 years.

Youth under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult: we note that the program is not necessarily suited to this age group.

Scholarships are available for local youth between 18 and 25 years old in the Ottawa area for the first 30 applications received **before Friday 1 November**.

For more information, see:

[ccrweb.ca/en/youth-participation](http://ccrweb.ca/en/youth-participation)

## Thursday 28 November

7:30 am: Registration table opens			
8:30 – 9am: Orientation for first-time participants			
9 - 10 am: Working Group meetings (Part I)*			
Immigration and Settlement	Overseas Protection and Resettlement	Inland Protection	
10:30 - 12 pm			
Opening Plenary - speaker Alejandra Macías Delgadillo			
1:30 - 3 pm: Workshops			
New policy development on TFW program	Global Compact on Refugees: where do our communities fit?	Understanding new PRPA hearing process for ineligibility	Complex family reunification (training)
3:30 - 5 pm: Workshops			
Promising practices in settling LGBTQ newcomers	No fraud! Preserving program integrity in resettlement	Conversation with the Immigration and Refugee Board	Root causes of domestic and international trafficking
Evening			
Social event, organized by the Ottawa Local Organizing Committee			

## Friday 29 November

9 am - 10 am: Caucus sessions on a range of topics			
10:30 am - 12 pm: Workshops			
Building bridges with Indigenous communities and newcomers - MMIW report and updates	Complementary pathways: principles and operationalization	Mixed migration in the Americas: and its effect in Canada	NGO service quality - refugee and immigration processes
1:30 pm - 3 pm: Workshops			
Best practices on working with refugees who have disabilities	Post-election strategizing*	Border issues: rumours and realities	Youth workshop
3:30 - 5:30 pm: Working Group meetings (Part II)*			
Immigration and Settlement	Overseas Protection and Resettlement	Inland Protection	

## Saturday 30 November

9 am – 10:30 am: Workshops		
Mental health support for staff on vicarious trauma	Discussion with the Canada Border Services Agency	Forced migration in a climate emergency
11 am to 1 pm		
Closing plenary including Annual General Meeting		

\* These sessions are closed to members of the media and government. NGO representatives are encouraged to attend to network and strategize about the issues.

## National Forum on Human Trafficking, 27 Nov 2019, Ottawa

Join a full-day meeting on human trafficking. This annual event brings together service providers, NGOs, anti-trafficking, social justice and migrant rights advocates, as well as lawyers, and others. More information available at: [ccrweb.ca/en/national-forum-human-trafficking-2019](http://ccrweb.ca/en/national-forum-human-trafficking-2019)

## There's no better time to become a member...

If your group or organization is not yet a member of the CCR, consider joining to benefit from member perks like Consultation registration discounts, free webinars and online resources for CCR members only.

Submit a membership application and your Consultation registration **by 1 November 2019** to receive member registration rates and membership for 2019. See [ccrweb.ca/en/join](http://ccrweb.ca/en/join) for more details.

## About CCR Consultations

CCR Consultations address issues affecting refugees and other vulnerable groups of migrants, and newcomer settlement. The 300+ participants from across Canada include refugees, immigrants, representatives of NGOs, government, UNHCR, academics, community workers, youth advocates and international guests.

People who work with newcomers and those with a personal interest in refugees and immigrants are warmly invited, especially youth.

The consultation is an excellent opportunity to:

- Meet, learn from and network with experts in the field
- Gain professional training and strategize on a wide range of topics
- Exchange information and prepare resolutions and action plans on a broad range of refugee and newcomer issues
- Contribute to the CCR working groups' ongoing dialogue on policy and legislation

CCR consultations are designed to move from issues to action.

The Working Group meetings frame the discussions, introducing the issues at the beginning, and then, after the workshops, strategizing on next steps. At the Concluding Plenary, we adopt any new policy positions through resolutions and review key action items.

## Caucus Sessions

Caucus sessions are informal discussions on a specific topic. They are open to all interested participants, unless otherwise noted. Email [sgasana@ccrweb.ca](mailto:sgasana@ccrweb.ca) to reserve a caucus session space.

## Meals

Meals are not included in the Consultation registration fees.

The Consultation participant's kit will include a list of nearby, affordable places for meals during breaks.

## Information Tables

Tables are available for groups to display brochures, etc.

Reserve a table on your registration form. Include the reservation fee with your registration.

Questions? Send an email to [sgasana@ccrweb.ca](mailto:sgasana@ccrweb.ca)

## Childcare

During the conference we may be able to provide childcare services for participants, but only for those who have signed up for this service by **1 November 2019**.

Email [sgasana@ccrweb.ca](mailto:sgasana@ccrweb.ca) and indicate your childcare needs on your conference registration. Children must be at least 19 months and toilet-trained.

## About the CCR

The Canadian Council for Refugees is a national non-profit umbrella organization committed to the rights and protection of refugees and other vulnerable migrants in Canada and around the world and to the settlement of refugees and immigrants in Canada. The membership is made up of organizations involved in the settlement, sponsorship and protection of refugees and immigrants. The Council serves the networking, information-exchange and advocacy needs of its membership.

## The CCR's work

The CCR has issues committees called Working Groups, on Inland Protection, Immigration and Settlement and Overseas Protection and Resettlement. All NGO representatives are encouraged to participate. CCR policy is established by resolutions adopted by the membership at its general meetings twice a year.

## CCR membership

All Canadian NGOs are welcome to apply to become voting members. Other forms of membership are available. Please look at our website under [About Us](#) or go directly to [ccrweb.ca/en/join](http://ccrweb.ca/en/join)

## Consultation Site:

**Hotel Delta Ottawa City Centre,  
101 Lyon Street North, Ottawa (ON)**

## Accommodation

Rooms have been set aside for CCR Consultation participants in the Hotel Delta Ottawa City Centre at a negotiated rate of \$165 per night. Participants must make their own reservations:

To reserve rooms at negotiated rates, book your room as soon as possible **by Wednesday 13 November 2019** online at: [CCRfallconsultHotelDelta](http://CCRfallconsultHotelDelta). Rates and room availability cannot be guaranteed after this date. When reserving, say you are with the Canadian Council for Refugees conference. Questions? Contact the hotel by calling +1 (613) 237-3600.

For billeting possibilities, email [sgasana@ccrweb.ca](mailto:sgasana@ccrweb.ca) by **Wednesday 13 November**. A member of the local committee will try to meet your request.

## Getting to the Consultation site

Map: [CCRfall19consultVenue](#)

### ***From Ottawa International Airport (YOW):***

A taxi costs approximately \$35 from the airport to the hotel.

You can take **the 97 bus Bells Corners** (\$4 one way) at the Airport Stop for 18 stops (39 minutes) and get off at Albert / Kent.

### ***From Ottawa Train Station:***

You can take the new O-Train (line 1) (\$3.50 one way) west for 6 stops (11 minutes) to Lyon. Trains leave every few minutes.

A taxi costs approximately \$17 from the station to the hotel.

### ***From the Bus Central Station:***

A taxi costs approximately \$10 from the station to the hotel.

By bus: Walk 6 minutes to Gladstone / Kent, then take the **line 10 bus Rideau** (\$3.50 one way) for 10 stops (8 minutes) to Lyon.

**Parking:** On-site parking at the Consultation site costs \$25 per day.

## Register for the Fall Consultation online at:

[ccrweb.ca/en/meetings](http://ccrweb.ca/en/meetings)

You can also reach us at: tel. (514) 277-7223 email: [consultation@ccrweb.ca](mailto:consultation@ccrweb.ca)  
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