

CAPIC's National Citizenship & Immigration Conference

Next Gen: Immigration, Technology, and Representation

June 7–9, 2023 | Winnipeg – CPD Approved: 19.5 Hours

Day: 1

Wednesday, June 7th, 2023

Speaker*
Moderator*

TIME	SESSION INFORMATION	SPEAKERS
6:00PM to 11:00PM	Reception and Gala at Canadian Museum of Human Rights	N/A

Day: 2

Thursday, June 8th, 2023

Speaker*
Moderator*

TIME	SESSION INFORMATION	SPEAKERS
7:30AM to 9:00AM	Registration & Breakfast	N/A

9:00am to 9:45am	Session 1 – Welcoming & Opening Remarks (Main Room) <i>Walk this Land – An Indigenous Perspective. We are all immigrants to this country!</i>	
9:45am to 11:00am	Session 2 – IRCC – A Post Pandemic World (Main Room) <i>How can IRCC manage the challenges ahead? This is about today and tomorrow. This is about today and tomorrow How is the department preparing and what can we expect?</i>	Avni Marfatia , RCIC-IRB Dory Jade , CAPIC CEO Jean-Marc Gionet , DG, IPG, IRCC
11:00am to 11:30am	NETWORKING BREAK	
11:30am to 1:00pm	Session 3A – Express Entry – A Fresh Perspective (Main Room) <i>Let's re-examine EE with a focus on draws, numbers, scores, and more. It's been 8 years of EE – a fresh look as look to the next gen of economic programming and management.</i>	Chitra Bhatia , RCIC Neera Agnihotri , RCIC Bogdana Sultana , Acting Director, IPG, IRCC <i>Tracy Burt</i> , Queens Associate Director
11:30am to 1:00pm	Session 3B – The Business Edge (Breakout Room) <i>Scaling your practice and managing your resources. Next gen of scaling your business- can you do it. What do you need, what are challenges, Working for yourself – is that you or not?</i>	Jade Calver , RCIC Anthony Lawley , RCIC
1:00pm to 2:15pm	Networking Lunch & Workshop #1 – The Value of You! (Main Room) <i>Workshop #1 The Value of You. Grab lunch and then come this session! You won't want to miss it!</i>	Catherine Baier , RCIC Neerja Bhandari , RCIC
2:15pm to 3:30pm	Session 4A– Advocating Firmly & Persuasively (Main Room) <i>From thinking on your feet, to knowing which channels to use, this session is a must for every practitioner. The file is lost in the system and usual channels aren't working. What next? You need to think quickly on your feet for that tough interview or interaction on behalf of your clients? How do you advocate well?</i>	Martine Varekamp-Bos , RCIC Karen Howely , Lawyer Katina Hunter-Sutcliffe
2:15pm to 3:30pm	Session 4B – Out of Options? (Breakout Room) <i>Your client has a failed claim and seems to have exhausted options. Have they? What's next for that client? How will a failed claim impact options? Can you interact with the client before he makes that claim?</i>	Lulwa Al-Hidiq , RCIC Yasmeen Tyyebi , RCIC-IRB Muhammad Virk , RCIC-IRB

3:30pm to
4:00pm

NETWORKING BREAK

4:00pm
to
5:15pm

Session 5 – Next Gen Immigration – Managing Change to Benefit & Protect the Client (Main Room)

We'll look at both national and global events that can impact immigration and your practice. Who analyzes and what's the lag time to respond? How do you drive change within that framework. Be prepared for lively discussion.

Peter Veress, RCIC
Phil Mooney, RCIC
Goldy Hyder, CEO Business
Council of Canada

5:15pm

Closing Remarks – Day 2

Join CICC's cocktail reception in the foyer immediately following the final NCIC session from 5:15pm to 6:15pm.

Day: 3

Friday, June 9th, 2023

Speaker*
Moderator*

TIME	SESSION INFORMATION	SPEAKERS
7:00am to 8:30am	Breakfast Session – Workshop 2 – Technical Tips for your Practice <i>Technically challenged? Don't miss this one for must know tips to bring back to your practice!</i>	Justin Foot, RCIC Adrian Menezes, RCIC
8:30am to 9:45am	Session 6 – ESDC Today & Next Gen (Main Room) <i>A conversation with a key stakeholder. Let's listen in. The TFWP remains a key elements of the immigration domain – what's ahead in terms of next gen – How is the program evolving to keep up with the demands of the labour market?</i>	Ingrid Been, RCIC Kim KC Ly, RCIC Chris Daw, RCIC Brian Hickey, DG of ESDC

9:45am to
10:00am

NETWORKING BREAK

10:00am
to
11:15am

Session 7 – IRCC Next Gen: Machine Learning (Main Room)

Machine Learning is here to stay. From triage to processing to the next generation. Are you ready? Machine learning is here to stay. How are you adapting to ensure, you, your client and your practice are ready. What are you doing to take this to next gen ? What is ahead for the Department in terms of next gen? We'll talk a little of today but mostly about tomorrow!

Brandon Miller, RCIC
Burcu Akyol, RCIC-IRB
Ann Bellemare, DG of PDA, IRCC
Anthony Boonstra, Sr Director of Projects and Digital Strategy, IRCC
Aileen Farrol, RCIC

11:15am
to
12:15pm

CAPIC AGM (Main Room)

CAPIC members – be updated on what's happening in your association! All attendees welcome! A hearty appreciation of volunteers is in store!

12:15pm
to
1:30pm

Networking Lunch (Main Room)

Have lunch or opt to head to our clinic to ask a question!

1:30pm
to
2:45pm

Session 8A – The Job Offer Trail (Main Room)

We'll discuss how labour shortages drive your practice and follow the trail of a job offer. This conversation will include analysis, strategy, and ethics. Does a case start first with a job offer? Is it coming from the employee/employer and what do you do when something is "off"? How can you read labour market and see shortages, and drive strategy. Let's discuss the importance of ethical standards from all parties and what do you do when that is challenged?

Kim KC Ly, RCIC
John Murray, CEO CICC
Arian Sultafa, RCIC

1:30pm
to
2:45pm

Session 8B – Meet these Pilots! (Breakout Room)

Don't miss this flight as we cruise to altitude and review key aspects! Hang on to your oxygen masks as we explore opportunities for you and your clients! A spreadsheet of pilots, and a mini deep dive on a couple, what happens to a pilot when over! Lots here to bring back to your practice!

Avni Marfatia, RCIC-IRB
Bogdan Sultana, Acting Director of IPG, IRCC

2:45pm to
3:00pm

NETWORKING BREAK

3:00pm
to
4:00pm

Session 9A– Submissions at the Next Level (Main Room)

Writing at the next level – like you have never seen before! Bringing writing to the next level – how can you tell the story and facts succinctly. Are submissions read, considered? How does AI intercept submissions. How much time is spent "on" a submission by a practitioner and read at govt? Is Chat GPT role in submissions, is it "your" writing?

Tiffany Chi, RCIC-IRB
Katina Hunter Sutcliffe, Lawyer
Tracy Burt, Queens Academic Associate Director

3:00pm
to
4:00pm

Session 9B – Level Up! (Breakout Room)

Niche areas you had no idea about. Gain knowledge and potential pathways! More unusual areas of practice to discuss with interesting facts, good knowledge and takeaways.

Katie Laughlin, RCIC
Martine Varekamp-Bos, RCIC

4:00pm
to
5:15pm

Session 10 – Next Gen: International Student Graduates

Don't miss this one as we wrap up our two-day conference! What's on the horizon of this co-hort? What obstacles stand in the way? Is Canada still that dream destination? We'll ensure you have some great takeaways in order to challenge those obstacles!

Scott Smith, RCIC
Jacques Therrien, RCIC
TBD, Director of Policy on International Students
TBD, Director of Immigration Program Guidance Branch
Manprit Aujla-Grewal, RCIC-IRB

5:15pm

Thank you and closing remarks.

See you next year!

Topics and Times subject to change at CAPIC's discretion

Virtual on Demand: Today's Refugee

A honest conversation on the 'modern' refugee – From displacement to global conflict to long journeys and more.

Vilma Filici, RCIC
Diana Gallego, Sr Director FCJ Refugee Centre
Sharry Aiken, Associate Professor (Queens), LLB, LLM

Virtual on Demand: Stepping Stones as you Start

Knowing your niche and marketing ethically in the immigration space!

Sunil Sharma, RCIC



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