



# Canada's International Migration Capacity Building and Engagement

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) leads Canada's international engagement and capacity building efforts to promote safe, orderly and regular migration to Canada and globally, while also deterring irregular migration. Engagement not only supports domestic migration objectives, but also fosters global cooperation to strengthen international migration management and refugee protection. While significant international engagement occurs bilaterally, the Department engages in a number of key international forums and supports capacity building efforts to advance Canadian priorities and objectives.

## Why does Canada invest in capacity building?

- To promote migration that is safe, orderly and regular, and to deter irregular migration.
- To help countries develop tools and policies to manage migration and deal with migration challenges.
- To facilitate the flow of factual information that demonstrates how countries can benefit economically, socially and culturally from migrants.

## Why does Canada engage internationally?

- To foster cooperation on issues of global mobility and migration.
- To learn from and share international best practices on migration management and refugee protection.
- To engage in and promote dialogue on international migration issues.
- To collaborate on enhancing the security and integrity of migration systems, in order to protect the safety and security of Canadians.

## International Migration Capacity Building Program (IMCBP)

(formerly Migration Policy Development Program)

- IMCBP allows Canada to engage with key partners to strengthen migration management systems internationally, and influence the global discourse on international migration.
- IMCBP promotes Canada's international migration priorities by funding:
  - Membership fees to key migration-related international forums (approximately \$300,000).
  - Technical assistance, policy development and research projects (approximately \$700,000).
  - Under the new Migration Cooperation and Engagement Envelope (MCEE) capacity-building assistance as a positive incentive to increase cooperation with countries on removals of inadmissible foreign nationals to their home countries (\$21 million / 3 years).

## Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative (GRSI)

- The Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program provides Canada with the capacity to offer protection to refugees supported by citizens or private sponsorship groups.
- Borrowing this model, the GRSI provides training and advice to countries interested in adopting a community-based refugee resettlement program.
- The GRSI does this by sharing Canada's history, experience and leadership in sponsorship, and by supporting the creation of new programs that our partner countries design to meet their unique needs.
- To date, GRSI partners have actively engaged with numerous countries, of which six have launched or are soon launching programs: the United Kingdom, Argentina, New Zealand, Ireland, Spain and Germany.

# International engagement: multilateral forums and institutions

## Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC)



- Canada has taken on the IGC Chairmanship for 2019 to 2020 and is leading conversations with 16 partner countries on the theme of “Game-Changing Solutions: Applying Innovation to the Migration Management Continuum”.

## United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)



- Canada works closely with the UNHCR on resettlement, humanitarian assistance and recently on the Global Compact on Refugees.

## Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)



- The RCM is a regional forum that works to promote regional dialogue and strengthen migration governance; protect the human rights of migrants; and address regional challenges regarding migration. As a Member State, Canada provides core funding to this forum and funds capacity building activities to exchange best practices and promote hemispheric collaboration on migration.



## International Organization for Migration (IOM)

- Canada partners with the IOM to respond to humanitarian crises, to strengthen security and stability in fragile and conflict-affected states, and to implement long-term international development activities.
- With the adoption of the Global Compact for Migration in late 2018, Canada will continue working in close partnership with the IOM to ensure the Compact’s success.



## Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

- Later this year, Canada will be co-chairing a Roundtable with Morocco about “Shaping the public narrative on migration and migrants”, to determine successful practices that promote realistic and balanced views to curb polarized views on migration.



## Migration Five (M5)

- Canada collaborates closely with Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States on migration issues through the Migration Five (M5), an international forum of immigration and border security agencies from the “Five Eyes” countries. M5 efforts focus on improving the security and integrity of migration systems and enhancing client service for travellers. Canada will chair the M5 starting in November 2019.

**Legend:** ● **MPDP** 2017 to 2019 funded international capacity building projects.

● **GRSI** active programs.

● **International engagement: multilateral forums and institutions**

