

# Canada's International Leadership in Response to Global Migration Trends

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# Global migration flows are increasing (and changing).

Since 2000, **the total number of international migrants has increased by almost 50 percent**, from 173 million people in 2000 to 258 million people in 2017<sup>1</sup>.

Migration is also **increasing relative to the global population growth**; with migrants representing 2.8% of the global population in 2000 compared to 3.4% in 2017<sup>2</sup>.

**70.8 million people worldwide had been forcibly displaced** as of 2018 – the highest number in history<sup>3</sup>.



## Adapting to a Changing World

Canada's geographic position has kept it relatively isolated from irregular migration flows. New trends however have prompted Canada to adapt to the changing landscape of migration.

## Why are people moving?

Migration drivers include economic opportunities, technology and social media as information source exposing new opportunities and access, political instability, humanitarian crises and conflict, natural disasters and climate change.

## Evolving Patterns

While most migration occurs regionally and follows safe, orderly and regular pathways, migration patterns are changing. Regional migration in the Americas has increased, as has migration within the Global South.



## These trends have a domestic impact.

- Canada's **managed migration system** is respected around the world, but volumes, those seeking to exploit the system, and irregular migration are impacting effective management and service delivery.
- Canada is increasingly a country of destination - **migration** to Canada is **rising**.

	Permanent Residents*	Protected Persons and Refugees	Asylum Claimants
<b>2015</b>	<b>271, 816</b>	<b>32,113</b>	<b>16,055</b>
Syrian Refugee Initiative <b>2016</b>	<b>296,346</b>	<b>58,912</b>	<b>23,870</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>286,479</b>	<b>41,475</b>	<b>50,390</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>321,055</b>	<b>45,750</b>	<b>55,035</b>

### These trends have led Canada to:

- Work closely with bilateral partners and through multilateral forums to ensure a well-managed international border, and ensure migration occurs safely, and through regular channels.
- Remain globally competitive, attracting international students and skilled labour.
- Push for greater global cooperation on international migration management and refugee protection.

\*Below numbers include 'Protected Persons and Refugees'



# What is the role of international engagement?

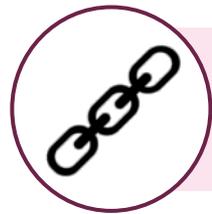
International engagement helps **reap the benefits of migration and address the challenges that come with mixed migration** and evolving migratory patterns and to **advance Canadian priorities and objectives**.

Canada engages with international partners and key countries to promote regular migration pathways, mitigate challenges to our system, strengthen refugee protection, and share best practices.

## Why Engage?



Well managed migration contributes **economically and socially** to Canada.



Well managed migration in the hemisphere contributes to **security** within the **North American perimeter**.



**Capacity building** can help to **discourage irregular migration and promote regular pathways** by funding: research, training seminars, technical expertise and pilot pathway projects.



Engagement provides opportunities to influence the **directions of collaborative responses** to global challenges, and of the **international discourse** on migration.

## Key Multilateral Partners





# How is Canada engaging internationally?



- Canada engages in dozens of bilateral meetings with other countries at all levels on the full scope of migration related issues.
- With over 60 **IRCC Missions** around the world, Canada's presence is felt globally on the ground, providing an opportunity for face-to-face engagement and exchange.



- Canada is the 2019-2020 chair of the **Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees** and the **Migration 5**.
- Canada plays a strong and constructive role in the **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**, the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**, and other multilateral bodies where migration issues arise



- Canada actively participated in the development of and adopted both the **Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)** and **Global Compact for Refugees (GCR)** in December 2018.



- Launched in 2017, and based off Canada's Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program, the **Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative** works to open new pathways for refugees. GRSI partners have actively engaged with numerous countries, of which six have launched or are soon launching programs.
- IRCC's **Migration Policy Development Program** is funding capacity-building projects around the world to advance international policy development.



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