

**FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL-TERRITORIAL
MINISTERIAL IN-PERSON MEETING AGENDA
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
JULY 12-13, 2018**

**THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018
Canadian Museum of Human Rights**

- 3:30 p.m.** Citizenship Ceremony (Ministers and Co-chair Deputy Ministers)
- Ministers will attend an IRCC Citizenship Ceremony at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights followed by a guided museum tour.
- 6:00 p.m.** **Ministers' Dinner** (Ministers and Co-chair Deputy Ministers) at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights – Nancy Ruth Boardroom, 6th floor

**FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2018
RBC Convention Centre**

- 7:45 a.m.** **Registration and Breakfast Service**
- 8:30 a.m.** 1. **Opening Remarks**
- The Honourable Ian Wishart, Minister of Manitoba Education and Training (MET) and Provincial-Territorial FMRI Co-Chair Minister, and The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and Federal FMRI Co-Chair Minister, will deliver opening remarks.
- Item Introduction:** Minister Ian Wishart and Minister Ahmed Hussen
- Actions:**

 - ✓ Approve Record of Decision by paper process.

Documents:

 - Draft Record of Decision – September 15, 2017
- 8:45 a.m.** 2. **Global Migration Review**
- Ministers will discuss current trends in global migration and implications for Canada.
- Item Chair:** Minister Ahmed Hussen

Actions:

- ✓ Set the global context and identify linkages to FMRI Priorities.

Documents:

- Global Migration Overview Deck

9:15 a.m. 3. Irregular Migration and Asylum Policy

Ministers will discuss irregular migration forecasting, status of contingency planning, as well as the report from the review of the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB).

Item Chair: Minister Ahmed Hussien

Actions:

- ✓ Confirm contingency planning and provide direction on additional actions to be taken.
- ✓ IRCC will also seek PT views on the IRB Review Report.

Documents:

- Canada's Asylum System Deck
- PT Backgrounder: Asylum Seeker Situational Information
Official Photo, Refreshments, and Communiqué Development

9:45 a.m.

10:15 a.m. 4. Economic Immigration

Ministers will take stock of various topics central to Canada's economic immigration, namely a pan-Canadian picture of Labour Market Information, and provide direction on multilateral efforts required to address the future direction of economic immigration.

Item Chair: Minister Ian Wishart

Actions:

- ✓ Examine the state of Labour Market Information (LMI), gaps that we are facing, methodologies that can be used, and next steps towards incorporating an immigration lens to LMI development and the use of LMI in the immigration program sphere.
- ✓ Examine existing trends and shifts in the labour market, with a focus on the changing nature of work and provide direction on areas of focus regarding Canada's future economic immigration.

Documents:

- The Future Economic Immigrant Deck
- Labour Market Outlook
- The Future of Work

11:15 a.m. 5. **Immigration Levels Planning** Economic Immigration Programs at a Glance

Building on the 2018-2020 levels plan, Minister Hussen will provide an update on the direction IRCC is exploring for the next levels plan and seek views on options for a possible new third year (2021).

Item Chair: Minister Ahmed Hussen

Actions:

- ✓ Update on proposed direction for the next levels plan.
- ✓ Seek views on options for a possible new third year (2021).

Documents:

11:45 a.m. 6. **Settlement and Integration of New Comers** Settlement and Integration of New Comers Placemat

Ministers will review and discuss progress made on FPT collaboration, with a focus on settlement MOUs, service mapping and measurement of settlement outcomes.

Item Chair: Minister Ian Wishart

12:15 p.m.

Actions:

- ✓ Report on achievements to date on FPT collaboration.
- ✓ Provide direction on areas of policy collaboration for 2018-2019.

Documents:

- FPT Collaboration on Settlement and Integration Deck

Lunch and Communiqué Development

Settlement and Integration: Provincial/Territorial Synopsis Placemat

1:15 p.m.

7. **Public Environment Update and Marketing Approach**

Ministers will discuss national, regional, and local public opinion research for jurisdictions to consider when developing their respective marketing and communications campaigns and ways to amplify each other's efforts.

Item Chair: Minister Ahmed Hussien

Actions:

- ✓ Endorsement of the collaborative approach to communicating the benefits of immigration.

Documents:

- Support for Immigration: Public Opinion and How it Informs our Approach Deck

1:45 p.m.

8. **Vision Action Plan Overview**

Ministers will review accomplishments related to the 2016 – 2019 Vision Action Plan (VAP), and discuss the future immigration priorities to be included on the VAP's renewal for 2019 – 2022.

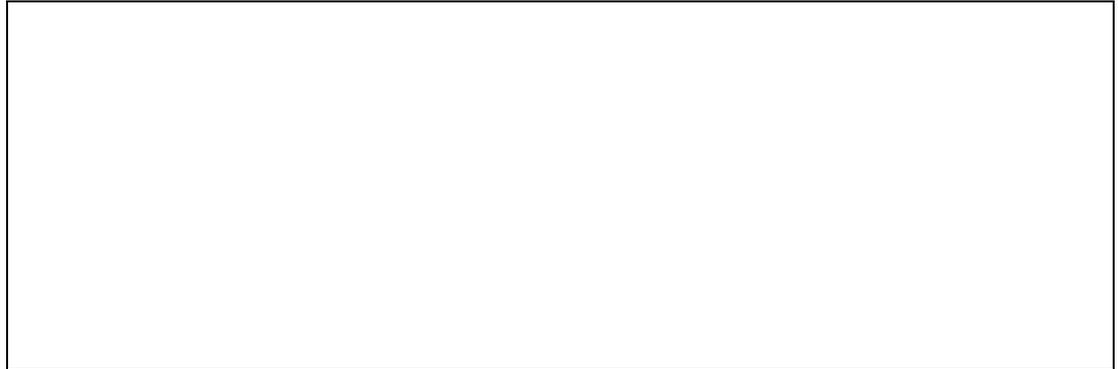
Item Chair: Minister Ian Wishart

Actions:

- Review accomplishments related to the 2016-2019 Vision Action Plan.
- Confirm direction of areas to explore in developing the 2019-2022 Vision Action Plan.

Documents:

- FPT Vision Action Plan Annual Report and Discussion Questions
- FPT Vision Action Plan 2016-2019



2:00 p.m. Refreshments and Communiqué Development

2:30 p.m. 9. Communiqué Review

Roundtable Facilitation: Minister Ahmed Hussen and Ian Wishart

Actions:

- ✓ Review and approve communiqué for release

Documents:

- Joint FPT FMRI Communiqué

3:00 p.m. 10. Closing Remarks

Minister Ahmed Hussen and Minister Ian Wishart will provide closing remarks.

3:15 p.m. 11. Press Conference

Actions:

- ✓ Summary of discussion, action items, and next steps

Note: As requested by the Government of Quebec, the Quebec Minister Responsible for Immigration holds observer status on the FPT Ministers' Table. Under the Canada-Québec Accord relating to immigration and temporary admission of aliens, Québec fully assumes sole responsibility for establishing immigration levels, and for the selection, francization and integration of immigrants. In areas under its responsibility, Québec develops its policies and programs, legislates, regulates and sets its own standards.

Ministers responsible for immigration meet to jointly plan for the future of immigration in Canada

News release

July 13, 2018 – Winnipeg, MB – As immigration is a key economic driver that supports job growth, innovation and diversity across Canada, the Federal, Provincial and Territorial (FPT) Forum of Ministers Responsible for Immigration (FMRI) met today to discuss key priorities for building on the success of the immigration system.

Focusing on how Canada can grow its economy and strengthen its competitive advantage through immigration, Ministers noted that success will depend on a fast, flexible immigration system focused on a skilled and adaptable labour force. Ministers supported exploring the opportunity to collaborate on attraction, recruitment and retention efforts. Ministers discussed the importance of ensuring rural Canada benefits from increased immigration and the importance of increasing francophone immigration outside of Quebec.

Ministers also discussed the importance of highlighting the positive benefits of immigration to both our economies and communities.

Ministers placed emphasis on the need for improved labour market intelligence to ensure the immigration system responds to the rapidly changing labour market.

Ministers saw the opportunity for increased pathways to permanent residence for international students and temporary workers. Ministers also reviewed the implementation of the 2018-2020 multi-year levels plan during its first year and supported the need for an additional year for long-term forecasting to take us towards 1% of the Canadian population.

While the number of crossings has recently decreased, Ministers expressed willingness to work together to address the pressure of irregular migration, noting the importance of collaboration between the federal and provincial governments. Ministers agreed on the importance of coordinated and ongoing contingency planning and supports in order to reduce pressure on provinces and municipalities that receive the highest number of asylum seekers. In reviewing the findings from the independent review of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ministers discussed how to make the asylum system more efficient over the long-term.

Ministers stressed the importance of building on current co-planning efforts to strengthen collaboration across federal, provincial and territorial governments. This is essential to address unique integration needs across jurisdictions while ensuring that newcomers are successfully integrating socially and economically.

Reflecting on accomplishments, global migration trends, challenges and opportunities, Ministers discussed immigration priorities for a renewed strategy and action plan beyond 2019 to meet the FPT governments' shared objectives and priorities.

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Quotes

"Canada's immigration system is key to supporting our country's economic prosperity and to strengthening our national identity. I look forward to continued collaboration with my provincial and territorial colleagues to support orderly and fair migration, to keep Canada globally competitive by spurring innovation and economic growth, and to build more diverse and inclusive communities through the successful settlement and integration of newcomers".

- Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and federal cochair of the Forum of Ministers responsible for Immigration.

"Canada's immigration system is successful by design, and our future economy depends upon our continued, coordinated efforts to attract and integrate talent from around the globe. Provinces and territories look forward to building on our discussions today on how, together, we can continue to grow our workforce, communities, and country".

- Gilles LePage, New Brunswick Minister of Labour, Employment and Population Growth and incoming provincial-territorial co-chair of the Forum of Ministers responsible for Immigration.

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