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Integration of Immigrants in an Urban Setting

Perspectives from Canada, Belgium and the European Union

March 20, 2012

Brussels Information Point (BIP), Hôtel de Lalaing, Zinneke Room Place Royale 10 – 11, Brussels

PROGRAM –

The conference languages are English, French and Dutch. Translation facilities will be available.

08.30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09.00 Opening Remarks

Moderator: Hanne Decoutere

Louis de Lorimier, Ambassador of Canada to Belgium Françoise Pissart, Director at the King Baudouin Foundation Christos Sirros, Delegate general of Québec in Brussels

09.15 Introductory Session: Integration Trends and Challenges in the EU, Belgium and Canada

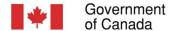
Presentations:

- Liz Collett, Director, Migration Policy Institute Europe and Senior Advisor to the Transatlantic Council on Migration
- Jean-Pierre Garson, Former Head of International Migrations at the OECD
- Doug Saunders, Author of « Arrival City: How the Largest Migration in History is Reshaping Our World »

10.00 Case Study: Integration Best Practices in Belgium

Presentations:

- Antwerp: Ann Neels, Chief of Staff of the Deputy Mayor of Antwerp for social affairs, diversity and services to citizens.
- Brussels: Benoît Cerexhe, Minister of the Brussels-Capital Region, in charge of Employment, Health Care, Economy, Scientific Research and Foreign Trade (TBC)
- Verviers: Inès Tamazarti and Farid Nagui, Centre régional de Verviers pour l'Intégration de personnes étrangères ou d'origine étrangère



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10.45 Coffee break

11.00 Case Study: Integration Best Practices in Canada

Presentations:

- Montreal: Anie Samson, Mayor of the Borough of Villeray-Saint-Michel-Parc Extension and Nawal Bekhechi, Political Attaché.
- Toronto: Donna Quan, Deputy Director Academic, Toronto District School Board and Elizabeth McIsaac, Executive Director Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council

11.45 Discussion

13.00 Lunch