



MOSAIC

IMMIGRANT PROFESSIONALS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
January 23rd and 30th, 2021

2021 Call for Presenters

SPEAKERS WANTED! Are you an industry expert, thought leader, or passionate professional willing to share your experiences, insights, and knowledge with colleagues and peers?

If yes, we want to hear from you!

Immigrant Professionals Virtual Conference 2021

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About MOSAIC

MOSAIC is one of Canada's largest settlement and employment organizations made up of deeply committed people who support newcomers and those with diverse backgrounds. For over 40 years, MOSAIC has been a community leader committed to the economic, social and cultural development of Canada. Through our expertise, client-centered approach and passion, we identify, resolve and advocate on issues towards empowering newcomers to fully participate in Canadian society.

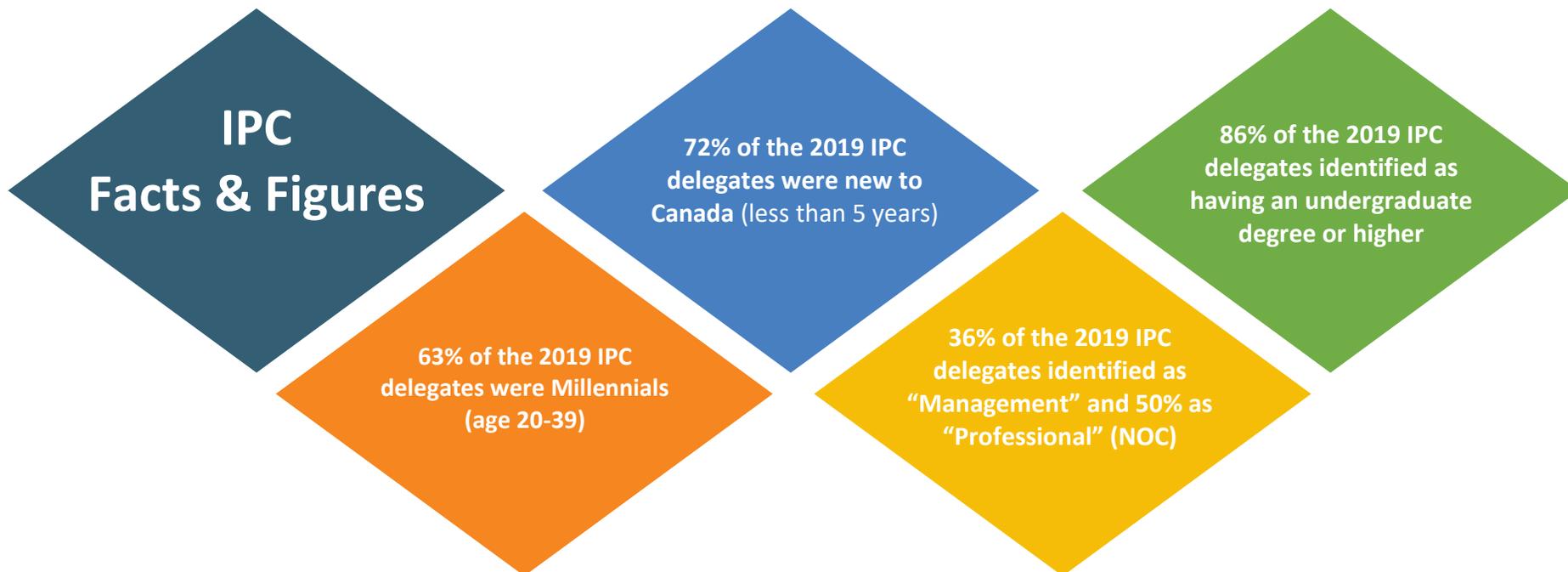
Provincially, MOSAIC provides more employment supports and programs than any other immigrant serving organization in BC. Our expertise in employment services resulted in MOSAIC being the only immigrant serving organization to be awarded multiple contracts by the BC Government to operate WorkBC Centres in Vancouver North East, Delta, Ladner, South Surrey – White Rock and Surrey Cloverdale. The Centres provide employment services to all unemployed British Columbians who are seeking employment and legally eligible to work in BC.

Overview

MOSAIC has presented the annual **Immigrant Professionals Conference (IPC)** since 2010 to consistently positive reviews and feedback from delegates, exhibitors and sponsors.

Each year the event provides 250+ immigrant professionals with the opportunity to further their professional development via presentations by inspiring speakers, active participation in plenary, breakout sessions and panel discussions, networking opportunities and exposure to sponsors and other exhibitors.

Our objective is to provide guidance, encouragement and inspiration to newcomer professionals who might benefit from being exposed to experts and leaders in their respective fields, trends in the current labour market, and strategies and skills they can employ in their own career advancement.



COVID-19 and the IPC

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has forced MOSAIC to rethink the Immigrant Professionals Conference.

As the need for and interest in the annual conference remains high, MOSAIC has re-imagined the conference in a virtual setting. The goals and outcomes remain the same, but the format will be different providing for additional opportunities. For example, because the event will occur over the span of two weeks, MOSAIC will be able to reach out to more individuals and increase audience interest beyond Metro Vancouver.

IPC virtual will consist of 4 sessions that will span over two Saturday mornings on January 23rd and January 30th, 2021. The first session on January 23rd will offer a keynote address followed by a session presenter. Part II on January 30th will have one session presenter and an Employer Panel.

The 2021 theme is **Pivot Your Career & Adapt to the New Job Market**

Goals & Outcomes

- Provide delegates with professional development opportunities;
- Provide delegates with learning opportunities that increase their career development and foster an understanding of the skills required to succeed within a Canadian context;
- Create opportunities for delegates to network and share best practices with fellow professionals;
- Enhance professional skills; and
- Contribute to the overall success of newcomers to Canada.

Conference Session Topics (Proposed)

Topics for the conference will address the needs and interests of our target audience, with an emphasis on pivoting their career in the new year and adapting to the new labour market. Some initial topics include:

- Understanding the New Local Labour Market – Looking Ahead
- Re-tooling for the New Labour Market – Importance of Education and Career Planning
- Utilizing Your Existing Skills to Take Advantage of the New Labour Market
- Leveraging Technology for Your Job Search, Professional Development and Work
- Networking During a Pandemic – How to Reach-out Virtually and Use Social Media
- Distinguishing Yourself in a Competitive Labour Market
- Dealing with the Stress of Entering/Re-entering the Job Market During the Pandemic
- Develop/boost skills for working remotely
- Establish a wellness routine while working from home
- Other as proposed

Conference Format



Intrigued? Want to be considered as a Speaker?

Please submit your proposal as soon as possible via this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ipc2021-presenters>

Insightful and inspiring **Sessions** represent the core of the Immigrant Professionals Conference. The sessions provide immigrant professionals with exposure to thought leaders and practical learning they can apply to their personal and/or professional development. Sessions are 45 minutes in length -- may include a 30 min presentation and 15min for Q&A.

We look forward to receiving proposals from individuals or companies. Please note that all submissions are reviewed by the event organizers and selected to fit with the annual theme of the conference.

Questions? Contact us at 778.855.5107 or via email at ipc@mosaicbc.org