



Message from the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

On the occasion of MOSAIC's 14th Annual Immigrant Professionals Conference

Saturday, November 2, 2024

As Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, I want to extend my warmest greetings to everyone participating in the 14th edition of the Multilingual Orientation Service Association for Immigration Communities' (MOSAIC) Annual Immigrant Professionals Conference (IPC).

Arriving in a new country, whatever the circumstances, can be a trying experience. The challenge is made much easier when a welcoming hand is extended. MOSAIC has played this role for more than four decades, guiding newcomers through the integration process with assistance that meets the specific needs of each immigrant.

MOSAIC's IPC conference provides a rich collaborative opportunity for like-minded people and organizations to share and explore innovative ideas that shape our immigration system, and to build on existing strategies that commit to diversity, inclusivity, anti-racism and equity.

This year's theme—Future Forward: Immigrant Talent in the Age of AI—underscores the powerful role immigrants play in shaping Canada's future in a rapidly advancing technological landscape. As AI transforms industries and workplaces, Canada's ability to recruit top immigrant talent becomes even more critical. Immigrants bring diverse skills, perspectives and experiences that fuel innovation and adaptability—qualities essential in the evolving AI-driven economy.

By embracing and integrating this talent, we not only strengthen our competitive edge, but also build a future where Canada remains a leader in technology and economic growth. Together, we can use innovation to build an even more prosperous, inclusive Canada.

The global landscape is changing constantly, and the one constant is that Canada is an international leader in the immigration space, and is a place many would like to call home. Together, we can continue to uphold our longstanding tradition of being compassionate, as we build a better Canada for all.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to thank everyone taking part in this year's conference.

Thank you for your continued contributions, and I hope you have productive and thought-provoking discussions in the coming days.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

The Honourable Marc Miller, P.C., MP
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship