



Preliminary Program Agenda

September 11 - 13, 2025 | Times are in Eastern Daylight Time
 Sheraton Fallsview Hotel | Niagara Falls

Thursday September 11, 2025

07:00 - 08:00	Registration & Breakfast	
08:00 - 08:15	Welcome Remarks and Indigenous Blessing	
08:15 - 08:45	Plenary Sessions	Main Plenary Room
08:15 - 08:45	Director General, Department of Citizenship and Immigration, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)	
08:45 - 09:45	World Health Organization (WHO) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	
09:45 - 10:45	The Hague, Human Rights Payam Akhavan , LLB, LLM SJD, O.Ont. FRSC <i>Human Rights Lawyer: Member of the Court of Arbitration at the Hague, Special Advisor on Genocide to the Prosecutor or the International Criminal Court</i>	
10:45 - 11:15	Morning Break, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
11:15 - 12:15	Concurrent Workshops	Breakout Rooms
12:15 - 01:15	Lunch, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
01:15 - 02:15	Concurrent Oral Abstracts	Breakout Rooms
02:15 - 02:45	Afternoon Break, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
02:45 - 03:45	Concurrent Sessions	Breakout Rooms
	Concurrent Session 1: Caring for the Uninsured Paul Caulford , MD <i>Family Physician; Founder, The Canadian Centre for Refugee and Immigrant Health Care</i>	
	Concurrent Session 2: Reflections and Lessons Learnt from the Afghan Resettlement Program Umashanie Reddy <i>Director, National GAR Resettlement Assistance Program & Afghan Refugee Resettlement</i> Fariborz Birjandian <i>Chief Executive Officer · Calgary Catholic Immigration Society</i>	
03:45 - 04:00	Transition Time	
	Plenary Session	Main Plenary Room
04:00 - 05:00	Refugee Stories Nhial Deng Nhial <i>Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of South Sudan</i>	



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Friday September 12, 2025

07:00 - 08:00	Registration & Breakfast	
08:00 - 08:15	Welcome Remarks	
	Plenary Sessions	Main Plenary Room
08:15 - 09:15	Invisibilized: LGBTQ+ Refugee Health Gabriel Schirvar , MA (<i>Global Public Health</i>) <i>International Organization for Migration (IOM)</i>	
09:15 - 10:15	Mental Health of Refugee Children Rachel Kronick , MD <i>Researcher, Child Psychiatrist, Co-Director Child Psychiatry Services, Jewish General Hospital; Child Consultant, Cultural Consultation Service</i>	
10:15 - 10:45	Morning Break, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
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11:45 - 12:45	Lunch, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
12:45 - 01:45	Concurrent Oral Abstracts	Breakout Rooms
01:45 - 02:15	Afternoon Break, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
02:15 - 03:15	Concurrent Sessions	Breakout Rooms
	Concurrent Session 1: Climate Change and the Most Vulnerable Carmen Logie , PhD <i>Professor, Canada Research Chair in Global Health Equity and Social Justice with Marginalized Populations, University of Toronto</i>	
	Concurrent Session 2: Working with an Interpreter Grace Egan <i>Director, Language Services and Digital Strategies, Access. Alliance</i>	
	Concurrent Session 3: Work Up of Parasites in Refugees Andrea Boggild , MSc MD DTMH FRCPC <i>DipABLM Professor (Associate)</i> <i>Medical Director, Tropical Disease Unit, Toronto General Hospital; Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto</i>	
03:15 - 03:30	Transition Time	
	Plenary Session	Main Plenary Room
03:30 - 04:30	Racism and Refugees Rageshri Dhairyawan , MBBS, FRCP, BSc, MSc, Dip GUM, <i>Dip HIV, DFSRH</i> <i>NHS Consultant in Sexual Health and HIV Medicine; Author, Unheard: The Medical Practice of Silencing</i>	



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Saturday September 13, 2025

07:00 - 08:00	Registration & Breakfast	
08:00 - 08:15	Welcome Remarks	
	Plenary Sessions	Main Plenary Room
08:15 - 09:15	Women's Health Shatha Elnakib , PhD, MPH <i>Assistant Scientist, International Health, Center for Humanitarian Health, Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health (CHH)</i>	
09:15 - 10:15	Detention Issues in Australia and America Barri Phatarfod , MD <i>Physician, Antenatal Shared Care Program, Royal Hospital for Women, Australia</i>	
10:15 - 10:45	Morning Break, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
10:45 - 11:45	Concurrent Sessions	Breakout Rooms
	Concurrent Session 1: How to Handle a Mental Health Crisis for the Non-Psychiatrist Clare Pain , MD, MSc, FRCPC, DSc (Hons) <i>Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto; Psychiatrist, Mount Sinai Hospital; Consultant, Canadian Center for Victims of Torture for Refugee Mental Health; Co-lead, Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration (TAAAC)</i>	
	Concurrent Session 2: Understanding Palestine and the Middle East Michael Lynk , LLB, LLM <i>Associate Professor of Law, University of Western Ontario; Former United Nations Special Rapporteur for the human rights situation in the Palestinian Territories occupied since 1967</i>	
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12:45 - 01:45	Concurrent Oral Abstracts	Breakout Rooms
01:45 - 02:15	Afternoon Break, Sponsor Exhibit & Poster Viewing	
	Plenary Session	Main Plenary Room
02:15 - 03:15	Beyond Health Advocacy, Towards Solidarity: Lessons from Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Work in Medicine and Public Health Yipeng Ge , MPH, MD CCFP <i>Primary Care Physician, Public Health Practitioner Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre</i> Francesca Albanese <i>United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories</i>	
03:15 - 03:30	Closing Remarks	