



AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE

THE SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS IN MARYLAND: A NEW COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

September 22nd, 2009 (9.15 am – 06.00 pm), The Governor Calvert House, Annapolis, MD

9.15 – 09.55 Registration & Coffee/Tea

GENERAL SESSION ONE

10.00 – 12.00 Chair: *Dr. Martin Ford, Associate Director, Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees*

INTRODUCTION *Prof. Nicholas Kittrie, University Professor, American University; Chairman, Program Council, Social Integration and Community Development Association; Dr. Maria Cseh, Director of the Human and Organizational Learning Doctoral Program, The George Washington University; Vice Chair, Program Council, Social Integration and Community Development Association; Dr. Margot Gotzmann, President, Social Integration and Community Development Association; President, GRL (Global Regional, Local) Development*

PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MARYLAND COUNCIL FOR NEW AMERICANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, *Isiah Leggett, County Executive, Montgomery County*

HERITAGE LANGUAGES PROJECT AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANTS, *James C. Rosapepe, Senator, Member of the New Americans Caucus, Maryland State Senate*

THE METROPOLIS PROJECT: BRIDGING POLICY AND RESEARCH ON THE SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF NEWCOMERS, *Uttara Chauhan, Senior Analyst, Metropolis Project, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Government of Canada*

AMERICAN SOCIAL CULTURE AND THE QUEST FOR SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF NEWCOMERS – HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE, *Dr. Margot Gotzmann, President, Social Integration and Community Development Association; President, GRL (Global Regional, Local) Development*

PROFILE OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS, FAMILIES, AND CHILDREN IN MARYLAND, *Karina Fortuny, Research Associate II, Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population, The Urban Institute*

12.00 – 12.45 Lunch

CONCURRENT PANEL SESSIONS: SOCIAL INTEGRATION IN PRACTICE – 6L APPROACH
12.45 – 03.15 (LAWFULNESS, LANGUAGE, LABOR, LOCATION, LOYALTY, LIFE)

PANEL SESSION A LANGUAGE AND LABOR (Organization of Education. Diversity and Flexibility or Programs)
12.45 – 03.15 *Chair: Adam Ortiz, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, State of Maryland*

PANEL PRESENTATIONS (approx. 10 minutes per presentation):

ROLE OF LANGUAGE IN INTEGRATION RESEARCH, Dr. Kien Lee, Principal Associate, Community Science

IMMIGRANT DESTINATION-LANGUAGE ACQUISITION FOR SOCIAL INTEGRATION: CHALLENGES AND BEST PRACTICES, Beatriz Coningham, Ed.D. Candidate, Human and Organizational Learning Program, George Washington University

INTEGRATION OF TURKISH IMMIGRANTS INTO THE GERMAN LABOR MARKET – FAILURES AND SUCCESSES, Dr. Esther Ezra Lopatin, Professorial Lecturer, Political Science Department, George Washington University

COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO LANGUAGE ACCESS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Lily Qi, County Executive's Liaison for Asian and Middle Eastern Americans, Montgomery County

FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN ADULT ESOL PROGRAM DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT, Dr. Donna Kinerney, Dean, Department of Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Montgomery College



VOICES IN THE PANEL (approx. 3-4 minutes per voice):

| **Jennifer Perez-Brennan**, Manager, Policy and Systemic Change Initiatives, Upwardly Global (Chicago), (Voice on: Presentation of the nonprofit Upwardly Global ("UpGlo")) | **Dr. Alan Cheung**, Executive Director, Confucius Institute at Maryland, (Voice on: Fitting in as a Chinese American) | **Anna White**, Immigrant Program Coordinator, Mayor's Office of International and Immigrant Affairs, City of Baltimore, (Voice on: Language Access Program of the Baltimore Mayor's Office of International and Immigrant Affairs) | **Representative of CASA de Maryland Inc.**, (Voice on: Maryland New Americans Partnership) | **Rachel Glass**, Executive Director, The Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy, (Voice on: Presentation of the Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy) | **Jennifer L. Blake**, Executive Director, FIRN, Inc. (Foreign-born Information and Referral Network), (Voice on: Presentation of the FIRN - resources for the Foreign-born) | **Michele Manatt**, Senior Consultant, Hispanic Integration Initiative, Council of the Americas, (Voice on: A place at the table: role of the private sector in achieving better integration of Hispanic Immigrants) |

PANEL SESSION B 12.45 – 03.15	LAWFULNESS AND LOYALTY (Legal Status of Immigrants, Culture of Law, Mutual/Multiple Loyalty) Chair: Dr. Martin Ford , Associate Director, Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees
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PANEL PRESENTATIONS (approx. 10 minutes per presentation):

LAWFULNESS AND LOYALTY: WHY ARE IMMIGRANTS NOT MORE LIKE US?, **Patricia Chiriboga-Roby**, Acting Affiliate Director, World Relief Immigration Clinic, Baltimore

SOCIAL AND ACCULTURATION PROCESS FOR SOCIAL INTEGRATION, INCLUSION, AND TRANSFORMATION, **Dr. Irene di Zoppi**, Vice President, Social Integration and Community Development Association

REFUGEES AND ASYLEES: WHERE DO THEY FIT IN THE U.S. IMMIGRATION PICTURE?, **Patricia Hatch**, Program Manager, Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees

LEGAL STATUS OF IMMIGRANTS: WHY DON'T THEY JUST GET IN LINE AND OBEY THE LAWS, **Amy Novick**, Counsel, The Haynes Immigration Law Firm

IMMIGRATION, INTEGRATION, AND LOYALTY: THE TURKISH AMERICAN EXPERIENCE, **Gunay Evinc**, President, Assembly of Turkish American Associations

VOICES IN THE PANEL (approx. 5-10 minutes per voice):

| **Wanjiru Kamau**, Ed. D., President & CEO, African Immigrant & Refugee Foundation, (Voice on: Challenges facing the integration of the African immigrants in their new homeland. Recommendations.) | **Hoan Dang**, President, Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, Inc., (Voice on: Presentation of projects of the Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association)

PANEL SESSION C 12.45 – 03.15	LOCATION AND LIFE (Health, Education, Housing, Community Participation, Social Security Benefits, Financial Services) Chair: Dr. Larry Shinagawa , Director, Asian American Studies Program, University of Maryland; Vice Chair, Program Council; Social Integration and Community Development Association
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PANEL PRESENTATIONS (approx. 10 minutes per presentation):

CITIZENSHIP GRANT PROGRAM AND THE OFFICE OF CITIZENSHIP'S NATURALIZATION OUTREACH AND AWARENESS INITIATIVE, **Rebecca S. Carson**, Chief, Office of Citizenship, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

THE UNTOLD STORIES OF AN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, **Dr. Carolina De Los Rios**, DC Case Manager, Polaris Project

WELCOMING REFUGEES AND ASYLEES TO THE U.S.: A FIRST RESPONDER'S PERSPECTIVE, **Vu Dang**, Regional Director, International Rescue Committee

INTEGRATION OF IMMIGRANT FAMILIES IN EDUCATION – A COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE MODEL, **Young-Chan Han**, Specialist, Family Involvement, Program Improvement and Family Support Branch, Maryland State Department of Education



AN OUTLOOK ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR LATINOS/HISPANICS IN MARYLAND – OPPORTUNITY AND SPECIAL NEEDS, *Lydia Espinosa Crafton, President, Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Deliberation*

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HEALTH OF IMMIGRANTS RESIDING IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, *Dr. Cynthia Saunders, Independent Scholar*

CULTURAL INTEGRATION OF LATINO AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS FROM THE BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE PERSPECTIVE, *Dr. Fabiana Franco, Clinical Psychologist*

BENEFITS OF INCLUSION BANKING, *Remi Duyile, Chief Executive Officer, Legacy Premier Foundation; CEO, Image Consulting Group; Member of the Program Council, Social Integration and Community Development Association*

VOICES IN THE PANEL (approx. 3-4 minutes per voice):

| **Dr. Fernando Mata**, Senior Research Officer, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Branch, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, (Voice on: Addressing long term integration immigrant needs: The Multiculturalism Program in Citizenship and Immigration Canada) | **Tom Breneman**, Policy Associate for Migration & Human Security, 3D Security Initiative of the Center for Justice & Peacebuilding; Member of the Program Council, Social Integration and Community Development Association, (Voice on: Approaching integration through strategic peacebuilding practices & principles: A 3D Security approach) | **Barbara Levy Gradet**, Executive Director, Jewish Community Services, (Voice on: Presentation of Jewish Community Services, a non-profit human service agency) | **Dr. Moshe Weisblum**, Independent Scholar; Member of the Program Council, Social Integration and Community Development Association, (Voice on: The role of the welcoming communities in social integration processes) | **Tony J. Spencer**, Director, Office of Youth and Community Affairs, Mayor's Office, City of Annapolis, (Voice on: Issues of social integration of the immigrant youth. Suggestions for program improvements.) | **Evelyn Joe**, Founder and President, Continental African Community, USA, (Voice on: The Fishing Pole: Engaging Emerging Stakeholders for Promising Outcomes: The Continental African ethno-demographic populations) | **Erin Karpe-wicz**, Projects Planner, Arundel Community Development Services, Inc., (Voice on: Presentation of the Arundel Community Development Services, Inc.)

03.15 – 03.30 Coffee & Tea Break

GENERAL SESSION TWO

03.30 – 04.45 Chair: **Dr. Martin Ford**, Associate Director, Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees

Presentations of Parallel Sessions. Comprehensive Integration Policy Recommendations. **Adam Ortiz**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, State of Maryland; **Dr. Martin Ford**, Associate Director, Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees; **Dr. Larry Shinagawa**, Director, Asian American Studies Program, University of Maryland; Vice Chair, Program Council; Social Integration and Community Development Association

Concluding Discussion and Summary of the Conference **Dr. Larry Shinagawa**, Director, Asian American Studies Program, University of Maryland; Vice Chair, Program Council; Social Integration and Community Development Association; **Remi Duyile**, Chief Executive Officer, Legacy Premier Foundation; Member of the Program Council, Social Integration and Community Development Association; **Dr. Margot Gotzmann**, President, Social Integration and Community Development Association; President, GRL (Global Regional, Local) Development

RECEPTION 04.45 – 05.20

PRESENTATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S CITATIONS

PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANIZERS' AWARD

SWEEPSTAKE RESULTS ANNOUNCED

CONCERT 05.20 – 06.00 Featuring cultural styles in music, open to the public. Introduction by Keith Hinton, Owner, The Crofton School of Music, performance by Lyric Opera House (Baltimore)