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Title of workshop:	Immigration Policy for Local Government
Format of Workshop:	Roundtable
Theme:	Welcoming Communities

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Title/Theme of presentation	Framing Immigration for Smaller Cities
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Title/Theme of presentation	Community and Immigration Policy
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Title/Theme of presentation	Le développement des politiques municipales face à la diversité et à l'immigration dans les villes du Québec
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Title/Theme of presentation	Comment convaincre 150 000 citoyens de l'intérêt de la diversité?
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Title/Theme of presentation	Le développement des politiques municipales de diversité dans la ville de Gatineau
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Title/Theme of presentation	Où en est la ville de Québec?
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Title/Theme of presentation	Rawdon: une ville ancrée dans sa tradition interculturelle mais aussi en développement

Abstract

Municipal governments are increasingly developing policy frameworks for immigration attraction, retention and integration. This workshop will highlight what components are necessary for framing a policy and how to create a business case given immigration lies outside local government mandates.

Summary

This workshop will explore the challenges and barriers to developing an immigration policy and framework within the context of municipal governments. Components such as working with the community, signing on to initiatives like the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination, leveraging support from larger bodies such as FCM and securing political buy-in are critical to the development these policies. In addition, how immigration policy is linked to other policy frameworks and operational business plans will be discussed. The workshop will be of practical interest to other local levels of government struggling to address immigration within the constraints of municipal mandates. Templates and tips will be offered that will demonstrate the business case for this type of policy both through gap analysis and cost/benefit analysis. The role of immigrant serving agencies will be explored as a crucial tool for moving forward successfully.