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Title of Workshop: "Partnerships Supporting the Economic and Labour Market Integration of Newcomers"

Format of Workshop: Workshop

Theme: Economic and labour market integration

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 Title/theme of presentation: "Applied research on partnership models in Québec"

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### **Abstract**

This workshop will explore partnership models that exist among organizations supporting immigrant integration in Canada, as well as the correlation between successful partnerships, higher attraction and retention rates and faster integration results for newcomers. Research, tools and emerging trends in within these partnerships will also be presented.

### **Summary**

This workshop will examine the nature and success of partnerships across Canada among organizations supporting immigrants and the relationship between partnership and an immigrant's success in integration. Based on the experiences of the \$8.5 million federally-funded Canadian Immigration Project (CIIP), Federal Skilled Workers in India, China and the Philippines are connected to strategic organizations across Canada to support them with implementing their immigration action plan. These organizations play a pivotal role in serving newcomers throughout their integration process in Canada. This workshop will highlight local, regional and national partnership models that have evolved across the country, and the tools and other knowledge areas that exist to support these partnerships. The presentation will also highlight observations of client success and evaluative research made through the CIIP Project as well as results from other partner initiated projects to show that partnerships and other

forms of collaboration among organizations serving immigrants are not only strengthening their capacity and ability to serve newcomers, but are attracting and retaining newcomers to Canada at a higher success rate with faster integration results.

As the partnership model grows across Canada and services become increasingly streamlined, so does the ability of organizations to respond to the needs of newcomers in new and innovative ways. This presentation will outline trends that are emerging as a result of increased partnership and more sophisticated service delivery models. Organizations involved with supporting the integration of immigrants into the labour market should benefit greatly from the information provided in this session.