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## Migration and resilience in urban Canada-Immigration et résilience en milieu urbain



"Due to an accident, I have been on medical leave since Dec.19 with almost no access to email and instructions not to work. Partnership matters are being handled by Anneke, Camila, Naolo, Lara and Marshia. I appreciate everyone's patience. I will let you know when I return. Happy new year!" Valerie.



"Although I am no longer employed by the partnership because of my teaching responsibilities, I intend to remain engaged in it as a participant. Having worked with Valerie closely since the conception of this partnership, I would like to take on a more research-focused role. In the coming weeks, I will initiate the process to formalize this role. Thanks!" Adnan.



Dr. Joanna Anneke Rummens, who will replace Adnan, joins our BMRC-IMRU project team as Strategic Lead – Implementation and Knowledge Transfer. She is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at University of Toronto and the Visiting Scholar of Practice in Residence at the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University. For those of you who have not worked previously with Anneke, she is a multilingual anthropologist/sociologist whose research explores the links between identity, diversity, health and wellbeing, with special focus on vulnerable and marginalized populations.

She is recognized internationally for her expertise in developing multidisciplinary research centres and knowledge exchange.

[Read Anneke's biography here.](#)

## KM Committee News-Nouvelles du comité MC

**Knowledge Mobilization Consultations**

The KM Committee is meeting on January 31 to discuss the planning of the KM consultations. As presented at the partnership meeting in Ottawa, the Knowledge Mobilization Officer will work with each research team to develop a tailored KM strategy and action plan for their project.

[Refresh your memory on our KM strategic framework.](#)

## Steering Committee News-Nouvelles du comité de pilotage



The Steering Committee met on December 19 and discussed several important points including the next partnership grant meeting that is likely to take place in the Greater Toronto Area. The group discussed possible dates for the event but no final decision was made. If you have suggestions or ideas for the next partnership grant meeting, kindly contact [Naolo](#).

## Executive Committee News-Nouvelles du comité exécutif



The Executive Committee has been working to develop policy and allocation guidelines for community partner funding and for travel funding for special initiatives for approval by the Steering Committee. The partnership members will be informed once this work is finalized.

## City Network News-Nouvelles du réseau des villes

**Le réseau des villes de Montréal**

La collecte de données dans le cadre du projet Vivons nos quartiers, et du projet transversal d'analyse de discours de politiques en lien avec l'immigration et la résilience se poursuit avec l'aide de nos quatre étudiants assistants de recherche.

[En apprendre plus sur les activités de ce réseau.](#)

**The Ottawa–Gatineau City Network**

The O-G team organized a few meetings across the network to discuss the progress of the transversal project. Under the leadership of Co-investigator Christina Gabriel, the city network was awarded funding to conduct research on international students. The project title is: “Resilience and International Student Mobility: The Impact of Institutional Factors on Recruitment, Retention, and Pathways to Permanent Status”.

**The York Region City Network**

The research subcommittee met with community partners who indicated that they would like an opportunity for a face to face consultation before the break.

**The Toronto City Network**

The Toronto city network completed a report on the Ontario Government's role in immigration and settlement and updated their report on the City of Toronto's role in immigration and settlement.

**The Kitchener-Waterloo City Network**

After much input, the ethics review application for the focus group guide and the key informant interview for the “Engendering Resilient Pathways and Communities” have been submitted. The KW city network continues to gather information for the mapping of institutional actors in the region as well as a demographic profile of the Region of Waterloo as it pertains to their sample (newcomers with temporary or no status).

[Read more on the Kitchener-Waterloo City Network](#)

**The Windsor City Network**

The Windsor City Network has submitted an abstract to NACADA - Great Lakes Region 5 Annual meeting titled "[Supporting International Students: Developing Resilience for Potential High Quality Immigrants?](#)".

This organization targets academic advisors of international students. The city network is currently preparing a paper for submission to an academic journal.

## Call for papers-Appel à contributions

CARFMS 2018 will invite applications for innovative panels, workshops, sessions, presentations and demonstrations to contribute to a more fulsome understanding of the challenges and opportunities presented by the fostering of dialogue beyond borders. [To submit a proposal for a paper or complete panel.](#)

## Network Event-Evénement du réseau



Communities across Canada and the world are increasingly relying upon immigrants to spur community and economic development. How does a community like Waterloo Region harness the potential of Canada's immigration policy and create the conditions to fully leverage the contributions and skills of its immigrants and refugees? Join the Immigration Partnership on March 1 to explore these topics and contribute your thoughts.

Keynote Speaker: Debbie Douglas, Executive Director of the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants  
Community Leaders: Dave Jaworsky, Mayor of Waterloo, Dr Jenna Hennebry, Associate Professor Wilfrid Laurier University/Balsillie School of International Affairs, and more.

Date: 1 March 2018 Time: 8:00am-12:00pm Location: Holiday Inn, Kitchener (30 Fairway Road S.) Breakfast provided

[Register here.](#)

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