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Workshop Presentation Abstract

Settlement Renewal: A Thematic Compendium of Issues and Options

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Executive Summary

[A] The Focus, Purpose & Value of the Compendium

This thematic compendium provides an overview of the major issues and options regarding the immigrant settlement and integration system in Canada that were discussed by various participants during the consultation stage of the Settlement Renewal initiative launched by the federal government from 1995 to 1996.

The overarching purpose of this compendium is to provide practitioners and analysts alike with a document to stimulate thinking, talking and writing regarding various issues related to settlement and integration policies and programs. The compendium was designed and developed primarily for those organizations and individuals that do not have the means to produce a reference document of this nature. Nevertheless, it should also prove useful to those governmental and non-governmental organizations that have such means, but for whatever reason, have not produced such a document for their own purposes. In both cases it should assist them in, among other things, preparing issue, position or planning papers on matters of vital importance to them and the immigrants and refugees they serve. Furthermore, this compendium should prove particularly valuable as the federal and provincial governments, in partnership with various non-governmental organizations, engage in negotiations in the near and distant future regarding changes not only to the immigrant settlement and integration system but also the immigration system in Canada. This compendium provides considerable material that should prove valuable for planning and negotiating purposes to all participants in those negotiations.

[B] The Conceptual Framework of the Compendium

The major issues that were raised during the consultation stage of the Settlement Renewal initiative have been categorized and catalogued using a conceptual framework of which the key elements comprise the two major types of tables used in organizing and presenting the information for this compendium.

TABLE A
Policy & Programming Issues

PRINCIPLES\STANDARDS	SUBSTANCE\NATURE	EVALUATION

Table A is designed to capture the major issues and options regarding:

- (1) the key principles and standards of settlement and integration policy and programming;
- (2) the substance or nature of settlement and integration policy and programming; and
- (3) the evaluation of settlement and integration policies and programs.

TABLE B
Structural & Functional Issues

PLANNING			DELIVERING			FUNDING
Federal Role	Provincial Role	NGO Role	Federal Role	Provincial Role	NGO Role	

Table B is designed to capture the major issues and options regarding the roles and responsibilities of various governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in three key areas: (1) planning settlement and integration programs; (2) delivering settlement and integration programs; and (3) funding settlement and integration programs.

[C] The Organization of the Compendium

The compendium consists of a four major parts. The first part is an introduction to the Settlement Renewal initiative as well as the purpose, conceptual framework, and documentary basis of the compendium. The second part consists of tables that capture the major issues and options contained in departmental and parliamentary documents. The third part consists of a series of tables that present the key issues and options raised by various stakeholders either in written or oral form during the consultation process. The fourth part consists of some selected models for funding and administering settlement and integration services proffered during the consultation processes.