

Metropolis CARES (Coalition to Assist Refugee Entry and Settlement) an initiative of the
Metropolis Institute presents:

RESPONDING TO THE AFGHAN REFUGEE CRISIS IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Online Webinar on June 20, 2022

11:00 am – 2:15 pm (EST) | 8:00 am – 11:15 am (PST)

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OPENING REMARKS

11:00 am - 11:15 am (EST) / 8:00 am - 8:15 am (PST)

- **Jennifer MacIntyre**, Assistant Deputy Minister for Afghanistan, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Ottawa, Canada
- **Julieta Valls Noyes**, Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), US Department of State, Washington, DC, USA

PANEL 1 (PANEL SESSION)

11:15 am - 12:30 pm (EST) / 8:15 am - 9:30 am (PST)

Welcoming Afghan Refugees in Canada and the United States

- **Session Chair: Jasteena Dhillon**, Professor, Humber College / University of Windsor, Toronto, Canada
- **Chris George**, Executive Director, IRIS - Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, New Haven, USA
- **John Biles**, Acting Director General, Afghanistan Settlement Branch, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Calgary, Canada

- **Wendy Cukier**, Founding Committee - Lifeline Afghanistan / Professor, Entrepreneurship and Strategy, Founder & Academic Director of the Diversity Institute, Ted Rogers School of Management, Toronto, Canada
 - **Jack Jedwab**, President & CEO, ACS-Metropolis Institute, Montreal, Canada
 - **Kit Taintor**, Vice President of Policy and Practice, Welcome US, USA
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PANEL 2 (ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION)

12:45 pm - 2:00 pm (EST) / 9:45 am - 11:00 am (PST)

Meeting the Challenges Encountered by Afghan Refugees in the United States and Canada

- **Session Chair: Rebecca Neuwirth**, Executive Vice President, Upwardly Global, USA
 - **Aziz Rafee**, Executive Director, Afghan Civil Society Forum-organization
 - **Rebecca Fishman**, Special Projects Lead and Afghan Response Coordinator, Upwardly Global, USA
 - **Fariborz Birjandian**, CEO, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
 - **Lori Wilkinson**, Canada Research Chair in Migration Futures, Professor, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
 - **Elizabeth Frank**, Director, Sponsor Circle Program, Community Sponsorship Hub, USA
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CLOSING REMARKS

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm (EST) / 11:00 am - 11:15 am (PST)

- **Lloyd Axworthy**, Chair, World Refugee & Migration Council
- **Anne Richard**, Distinguished Fellow and Afghanistan Coordination Lead, Freedom House, Washington, DC, USA