

IFBPW Taskforce

Women Migrants and Global Citizenship



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Increased Global Mobility

Migrants

Immigrants

Emigrants

Refugees

Asylum Seekers

Expatriates

Settlers

Newcomers

Colonizers

Conquerors

Geography

Timing

Background (Age, education, language, gender, religion, ethnicity, etc)

Lack of Education/Awareness

- School Curriculum
- University Education
- Workplace
- Home
- Community – government, business, civil society
- City
- Country
- Globe

Media

- Globalization
- Mobility



Reality - Canada

- Last 25 years
- Intake – 10% Refugees; 90% Other

- Recently
- Intake – 15% Refugees; 85% Other

- Who are the Other?

Economic Migrants

- Aging Population
- Lower Birth Rates

- Shortage of Skills
- Labour Demands

- Work, Pay Taxes, Boost Economy
- Include Women

Settlement Agencies

- Immigrant Serving Organizations
- Foreign Credentials Office
- Are we maximizing on Potential?
- Opportunity to Empower & Uplift – Improve Economic Conditions (Social & Economic)

BPW's Role

- Education
- Training
- Mentorship
- Gaps widen for Migrant Women
- Engagement – Residents & Citizens



A Two-Pronged Approach

- Women Migrants
- Global Citizenship

Global Compact For Migration (GCM)

- 34 Page Document
- Not a First – Builds on the 2007 NY Declaration on Refugees & Migrants and two other compacts (Refugees; Safe Orderly and Regular Migration).
- Objective, Commitment & Shared Responsibilities

Half of Migrants are Women

- 244 Million International Migrants
- Gender Responsive Laws
- Labour & Human Rights
- Origin, Destination & Return

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Thank You

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