

NATIONAL LIP SECRETARIAT: An Emerging Vision

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Why do we need it?

- Increasing need for a coherent national narrative around newcomers and integration.
- Secretariat could enhance LIP voices in policy discussions at sector decision making tables, including in health, employment, etc.
- As the number of LIPs grows, we can benefit from increased coordination, collaboration, and decreased fragmentation on issues.
- Secretariat could increase efficiency and decrease unnecessary administrative burdens.
- Secretariat could facilitate communication with others (IRCC, umbrellas, provincial governments.)
- Secretariat would serve as a resource for emerging LIPs.
- Secretariat would enhance our capacity for intentional information sharing leading to enhanced evidence-based decision making by local Councils.

Who's working on it?

- Open initiative.
- Communication via Google docs, e-mail, phone
- Current members:

Jocelyn Chadwick (Halton Ontario)

Melanie Bailey (PEI)

Paulina Wyrzykowski (Toronto, Ontario)

Roberto Montiel (Halifax, Nova Scotia)

Lisa Davis (Calgary, Alberta)

Nora Hunt-Haft (South Okanagan, BC)

Hindia Mohamoud (Ottawa, Ontario)

Where are we at?

- Draft Statement of Intention (basecamp)
- Workplan
- Draft Representative Framework (basecamp)
- Draft Vision, Mission, Values (basecamp)

- Significant buy-in from LIPs:

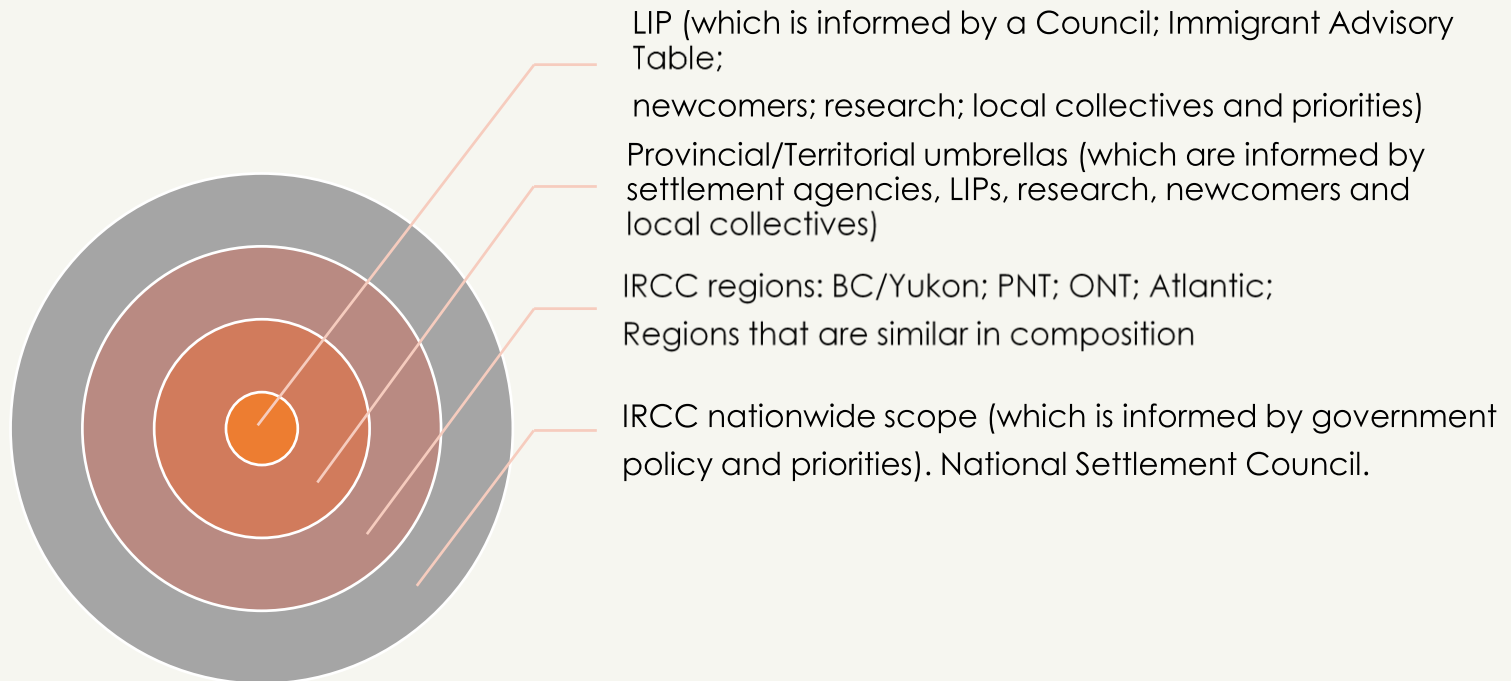
77 Responses, 75 in support

- Concerns about:
 - Inadequate recognition of regional nuances
 - Possible oversight role
 - Creating additional burden/siphoning resources from LIPs

- **What governance structure would ensure maximum transparency and equity among LIPs?**

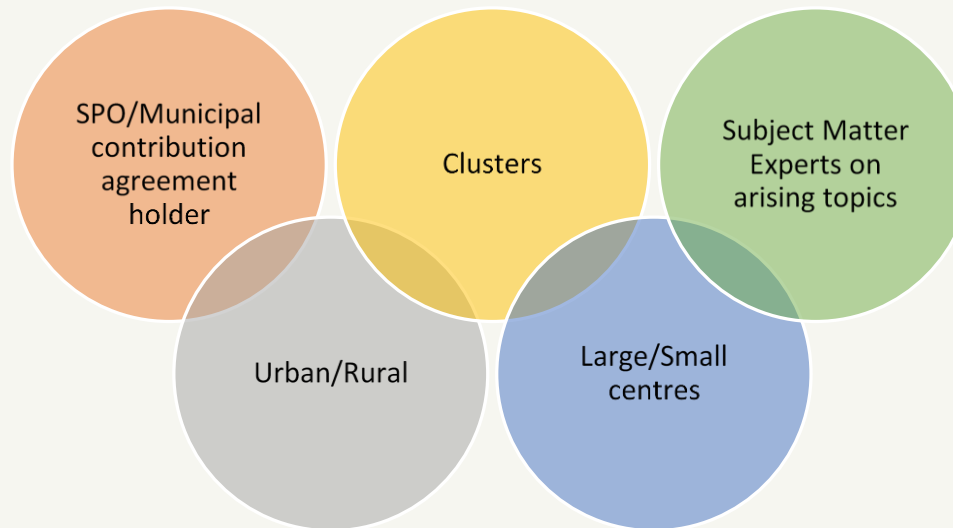
Geographic-based considerations should be taken into account for alignment opportunities and leveraging

- LIPs
- Umbrellas
- IRCC regions/regions that are similar in composition
- IRCC national scope; NSC



Considerations that cut across geographic regions that should be taken into account for equitable representation:

- Urban/Rural split
- Large/Small centres
- SPO/Municipal contribution-agreement holder
- Clusters
- Temporary issue-based subject matter experts on arising topics



What are the next steps?

- Continue seeking LIP buy-in
- Propose a governance structure
- Draft proposal

HOW TO JOIN BASECAMP:

- **Basecamp administrators**
 - Meagan Reid – Bow Valley Immigration Partnership (BVIP) (owner of Basecamp account)
 - Carol Brouwers – Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership (RRLIP)
 - Jessica Barry – St. John's Local Immigration Partnership
 - Toronto Newcomer Office
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