



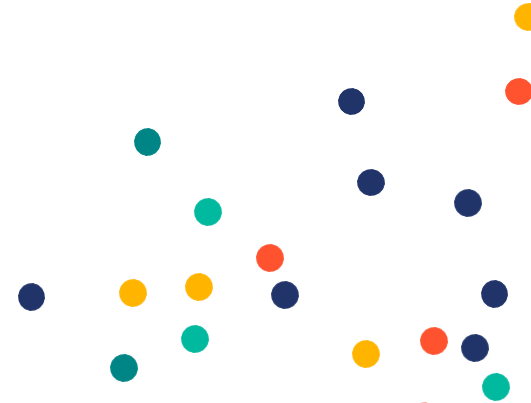
# Caribbean Migration Consultations

**CMC Webinar on the Canadian Asylum Program:  
Cross-Regional Exchange of Good Practices  
16 January 2020**



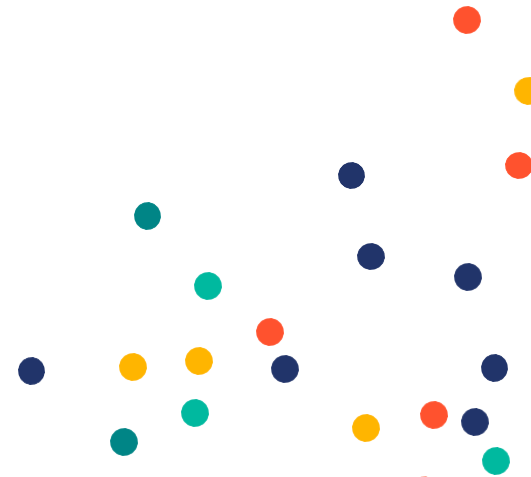
## Speakers:

- Ms. Amaria Belaskri, Caribbean Protection Unit, UNHCR's Regional Office Washington
- Ms. Joanne Blanchard, Acting Coordinating Member, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB)
- Mr. David Luchuk, Assistant Director, Refugees Affairs Branch, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
- Ms. Samantha Tena-Russel, Assistant Director, IRCC



# Webinar Overview

- An introduction on the **CMC** context and the **Quality Assurance Initiative**
- Presentation of the **Canadian asylum system**
- Guidance and tools for developing a **triage system**
- Guidance and tools for effectively dealing with **common case profiles**
- Q&A



# CMC Priorities on Refugee Protection

- CMC participants have **identified priorities** on refugee protection at multiple CMC meetings including:
  - *Preparatory Meeting for the CMC* (Jan. 2016, Belize)
  - *First Meeting of the CMC* (Dec. 2016, Trinidad and Tobago)
  - *Second Meeting of the CMC – Refugee Protection* (Dec. 2017, The Bahamas)
  - *CMC Preparatory Meeting for a Regional Approach to Migration and Intl Protection* (Dec. 2019, Jamaica)
- Formulation of **policy, legislation, and SOPs** (at the national and regional levels) for a systematic approach to refugee protection
- Targeted **capacity building** initiatives and trainings
- Exchange of **good practices** and technical support between Caribbean countries
- Alternatives to immigration detention
- Local integration
- Evaluation of progress within the framework of the **Brazil Plan of Action (2014)**
- Statelessness issues
- **Opportunity to act on these priorities in the CMC Regional Plan of Action to be adopted in 2020**



# QAI in the Americas

- Objective: a State-UNHCR joint program that aims at improving fairness and efficiencies of existing asylum systems in the region, or supporting States that wish to establish one, with the long-term goal to create an Area of Common Asylum in the region.
- Participants: open to all states in the region, started with 3 countries in 2012, expanded up to 12
- QAI's methodology consists of a review of the RSD system broken down into 0-4 steps:

Step 0 Human Resources

Phase 1 Reception and  
Registration Procedures

Step 2 Interview

Step 3 Decisions

Step 4 Appeals procedures

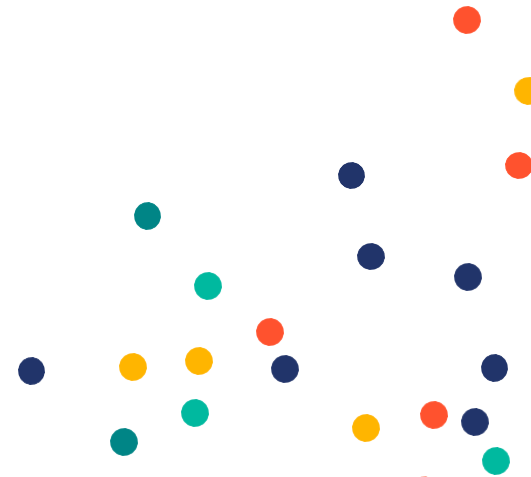
Post-QAI



# Canada presentations



CMC Webinar: Exchange of Good Practices with the Canadian Asylum Program



# Thank you for participating! Questions?

