

IMMIGRATION-20 SUMMIT



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THEME:

Sharing Best Practices for Harnessing Immigrant Potential in G20 and Immigrant-Receiving Nations.

PROGRAM



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DAY 1




THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2025

TIME	DESCRIPTION	ANCHOR
08:00 – 09:00	Registration & Welcome	AIIA Secretariat
09:00 – 09:45	Opening Ceremony – Welcome Address, Objectives, Keynotes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of summit objectives, alignment with SDGs, and the role of AIIA in promoting immigrant contributions to South Africa's diversity and development. "South Africa's G20 Leadership and Inclusive Immigration Policies" – Emphasizing national strategies for harnessing immigrant potential amid South Africa's G20 presidency. "Civil Society Perspectives on Immigration in the G20 Framework." 	Linda Ben (CEO, AIIA) SA Gov Minister (Home Affairs) Mr. Thulani Tshefuta (C20 Chairperson)
09:45 – 10:45	Expert Speakers Session – 3 Presentations (Economic Growth, Social Cohesion, Empowering Women/Youth) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topic: "Immigrant-Led Economic Growth: Case Studies from G20 Nations" Topic: "Social Cohesion and Inclusive Narratives" Topic: "Migration Governance for Economic Security and Development" 	Expert Speakers: Malambo Moonga- IOM PAP Rep Mbali Mushatama- UNHCR/ SAMCO
10:45 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:00	Panel Discussion 1: Accelerating Economic Growth through Talent Inclusion Theme: "Integrating Immigrant and Refugee Talents into Key Industries for Big Business Expansion" Key Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlocking Economic Value: Analyzing data on immigrant and refugee contributions to GDP growth, innovation, and productivity across banking, mining, and manufacturing sectors. Strategic Talent Policies: Exploring policy frameworks for ethical recruitment, retention, and skills alignment to meet the evolving demands of big business. Global Competitiveness: Leveraging immigrant expertise and diversity to strengthen South Africa's and Africa's positioning in global value chains. 	Moderator: AIIA Rep Panelists: Manuel Ferreira- JCCI Portuguese Business Forum Joaquin Valverde- Spanish Chamber of Commerce in SA Johannes Tiba- Fragomen

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12:00 – 13:00	<p>Panel Discussion 2: Enhancing Food Security and Sustainable Systems</p> <p>Theme: “Immigrant Innovations in Agriculture and Supply Chains”</p> <p>Key Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Labour Rights: Advancing fair labour practices and protections for migrant workers across food and agriculture supply chains. • Driving Innovation: Showcasing immigrant-led initiatives that promote sustainable food systems and strengthen intra-African trade under the AfCFTA. • Feeding Economies: Exploring the role of immigrant contributions in enhancing food security, improving agricultural supply chains, and boosting regional resilience 	<p>Moderator: AIIA Rep</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mashego Maleka- LPAFASA</p> <p>Sylvere CJ Youmbah- Economic Attaché</p> <p>Chef Coo Pillay- President of SA Chef</p> <p>Dr. Derian Echeverri- Agriayoba</p> <p>Andre Mark Da Costa- MD Manjoh foods</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Panel Discussion 3: Immigrant Net Exporter and Importer Countries</p> <p>Theme: “Brain Drain vs. Diaspora Dividend: Balancing Challenges and Opportunities”</p> <p>Key Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlining Mobility: Simplifying visa and work permit regimes to attract and retain skilled immigrant professionals. • Transforming Remittances: Leveraging remittance flows as catalysts for sustainable development, financial inclusion, and economic resilience. • Strengthening Credit Profiles: Examining how immigrant remittances can positively influence sovereign credit ratings and how receiving states can strategically maximize these benefits. 	<p>Moderator: AIIA Rep</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Angus Brown- CEO Minit Money</p> <p>Abdou Samb- President FRS Consulting</p> <p>Adv. Batlokoa Makong- APRM Political and International Advisor to CEO</p> <p>Syed Jalal H Zaidi- Community Welfare Attache (Pakistan High Commission, South Africa)</p>
15:00 – 15:15	Tea/Coffee Break & Networking	
15:15 – 16:15	Closing Session Day 1– Summary, Q&A Preview of Day 2	AIIA Representative

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