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Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Institute for Canadian Citizenship Welcome 60 new Canadians at a ceremony at MaRS Discovery District

On Friday, February 17, 2012, Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) will host 60 candidates at a special community ceremony at MaRS Discovery District in Toronto.

Prior to the ceremony, the Institute for Canadian Citizenship will hold another in its series of community roundtable discussions. These unique [ICC-designed roundtable discussions](#) aim to strengthen the connection between new Canadians and their communities.

PRESIDING OFFICIAL: Citizenship Judge Aris Babikian

GUEST SPEAKERS: Mark Adler, MP York Centre
Olivia Chow, MP Trinity-Spadina
Ratna Omidvar, President Maytree Foundation and Member of the Order of Canada
Gillian Hewitt Smith, Executive Director & CEO, ICC
Dr. Ilse Treurnicht, CEO MaRS Discovery District

WHEN: Friday, February 17, 2012

- 10:30 a.m.: Roundtable Discussion – Collaboration Centre
- 11:30 a.m.: Citizenship Ceremony - Auditorium

WHERE: MaRS Discovery District – Collaboration Centre
101 College St., Toronto ON, M5G 1L7

Media are invited to attend. There will be a photo opportunity at the conclusion of the ceremony.

ABOUT THE ICC

The Institute for Canadian Citizenship is a national, non-profit organization that engages Canadians in citizenship through innovative programs, campaigns and partnerships designed to ensure new citizens are welcomed and included as equals, to create meaningful connections among all Canadian citizens, to foster a culture of active, engaged citizens and to celebrate what it means to be Canadian. Our Building Citizenship program brings together new and established Canadians at community citizenship ceremonies; our Cultural Access Pass (CAP), generously supported by the Canadian Museums Association and the RBC Foundation, offers new citizens the chance to visit nearly 1,000 attractions across Canada for free for a full year from the time they're sworn in; and our annual LaFontaine-Baldwin Symposium fosters a debate on the future of Canada's civic culture. The ICC was founded and is co-chaired by the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and John Ralston Saul. The ICC is supported by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). For more information, visit icc-icc.ca.

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