



Keynote Speaker

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Topic of Presentation: "Driving
Community Prosperity by Connecting
Immigration with Innovation"

Diana is responsible for a wide portfolio of work at the Conference Board across the areas of education, health and immigration. Diana is also leading the development of intensified engagement with the Province of Saskatchewan.

As part of her work on immigration, in 2007, Diana created the Leaders' Roundtable on Immigration, an executive network comprising representatives from government, business and the non-profit sectors. The Roundtable has produced reports on Immigrant-Friendly Businesses, Immigrant-Friendly Communities, and Immigrants as Innovators. The Roundtable has also supported a far-reaching series of events across Canada that focus on the immigration advantage.

Diana previously spent ten years with the World Bank in Washington D.C. where she was involved in the creation of the Human Development Network – the part of the World Bank that oversees all lending for education, health and social protection.

Diana earned a BA from Wellesley College in Boston, incorporating a year at Tokyo's Waseda University.

She later gained insights to the Japanese business world as the sole foreign woman working within a traditional Japanese manufacturing firm of 3000 employees.

She has a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.