



Panel Speaker

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Topic of Presentation: "Leveraging
Immigrants' Civic Contributions for Great
Inclusion"

Hamdi Mohamed is currently the Executive Director of the Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization. She was formerly the Executive Director of the Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre. She has taught at the School of Social Work and the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies at Carleton University for five years. In her professional experience as an executive leader in the nonprofit and voluntary sector, Hamdi has helped initiate groundbreaking and socially innovative programs and established partnerships and relationships with several community stakeholders to create bold initiatives that realize the vision of an inclusive Ottawa.

Hamdi has received several community leadership awards and frequently serves on community boards and advisory committees to address issues of social and economic inclusion and access to services for immigrants and refugees both in Canada and internationally for over 18 years. She is often an invited guest (including keynote speech) in many conferences, seminars and events in North America and Europe on issues of migration, citizenship, democracy and inclusion. Hamdi has a Ph.D. in history from the University of Ottawa. She obtained her Master's degree in International Diplomacy from the University of Ottawa and her Honours degree in Education from the Somali National University.