

**“The Social Integration Of Immigrants In Maryland:
A New Comprehensive Approach”
Conference**

Scheduled for September 22 (Tuesday), 2009 in the Governor Calvert House (58 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401), this one-day event is a joint effort of the [Social Integration and Community Development Association \(SICDA\)](#), the [Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees \(MORA\)](#), the [Asian American Studies Program of the University of Maryland](#) and the [GRL \(Global, Regional, Local\) Development LLC](#). It is the [second in a series of conferences](#) devoted to immigration in the United States – this time addressing local issues as Maryland has one of the largest populations of highly skilled immigrant workers in the country. We'll share best practices and examine the social and economic integration of immigrants through initiatives by government, non-profits, academia and business. We'll also explore both the challenges to integration by immigrants and the benefits to local and national communities when these challenges are overcome.

Recommendations from the soon-to-be completed report from the [Maryland Council for New Americans](#) will also be presented during the conference. Other findings to be presented include outcomes from the [Urban Institute report](#) on immigrant families and children in Maryland. A speaker from the Canadian Government will also present the [Metropolis Project](#) - an international network for comparative research and public policy development on migration. We hope this conference will inspire new thinking on how immigrants and host communities can work together to improve everyone's social and economic progress and well-being. There is a nominal charge (\$20 or \$45 depending on affiliation) to register. Early registration deadline is July 15th. We'll share more ideas and information about this conference as the date approaches. For more please visit: www.sicda.org. Hope to see you there!

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