

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

# **TOWARDS PRACTICAL EARLY-WARNING CAPABILITIES ON REFUGEE FLOWS**

**MAY 29-31, 1991**

**GLENDON COLLEGE, YORK UNIVERSITY  
TORONTO, CANADA**

For the last two years, *the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University and the Office for Research & the Collection of Information (OCRI) of the Offices of the Secretary General of the United Nations* have been discussing the possibility of working together to develop an early-warning network to help determine areas where refugee-flows are likely to occur. Recent events in the Gulf have heightened our awareness of the need to develop a better system of coordination for the determination of these flows in order to respond to crises in a more timely manner.

This interest has been generated by the expanding numbers of refugees and displaced persons worldwide. There is also the realization by all those involved that co-ordination and planning

require some ability to anticipate refugee flows. This anticipation, based on informed analysis, will allow governments and international agencies to respond to emerging crises more effectively.

Growing attention from concerned international governmental organizations, states, NGOs as well as the diplomatic and scientific community has resulted in the realization that they need to get involved in the elaboration of a global early-warning network.

As part of this process, the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University, in co-operation with OCRI, is hosting a workshop on the topic "*Towards Practical Early-Warning Capabilities*" to be held in Toronto on May 29-31, 1991.

**Representatives of organizations involved in Early-Warning work have been invited to attend.**

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<b>PHASE I</b> <i>(Pre-Conference)</i> September - October, 1991 Melbourne, Australia	<b>PHASE II</b> <i>(Full Conference)</i> April/May, 1992 Toronto, Canada	<b>PHASE III</b> <i>(Public Conference)</i> November, 1992 Sydney, Australia
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The conference topics will focus on the following themes:

- Immigration from a Historical Viewpoint
- Immigration Policy
  - Recent developments
  - Policy making and policy implementation
  - Settlement policy
- Domestic Impact of Immigration
  - Economic
  - Environmental
  - Demographic
- Responses to Refugees
- International Relations Implications of Immigration

Abstracts of papers for **Phase II** should be submitted no later than **June 30, 1991**.

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- 5. Refugees and Development Assistance**
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**Registration fee: \$250.** (Scholarships and subsidies are available.)

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