



Post Pandemic Policy Forum: Building Food Security for Migrants and Refugees in Kitchener-Waterloo and Beyond

December 4, 2025 | Room 142, Balsillie School of International Affairs | 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Co-hosted by the MiFOOD Network and the International Migration Research Centre (IMRC)

Agenda

12:00 to 1:00 pm - Lunch and Registration

1:00 to 1:10 pm - Welcome Remarks

- Professor Jonathan Crush, MiFOOD Network

1:10 to 1:15 pm - CIHR-funded Project Overview

- Zhenzhong Si, Rationale and objectives of the three-year international study

1:15 to 1:45 pm - Research Presentations: Global and Local Findings

- Mercedes Eguiguren, Ecuador study
- Sean Sithole, South Africa study
- Sujata Ramachandran, Gender perspectives, Waterloo Region
- Zack Ahmed, Somali community findings, Waterloo Region
- Dr. Neil Arya, Health impacts and newcomer well-being

1:45 to 2:00 pm - Questions and Answer

2:00 to 2:30 pm - Policy Dialogue: Group Discussion

- Identifying shared priorities
- Developing actionable recommendations for the region

2:30 to 3:00 pm - Photovoice Exhibition and Walkthrough

- Participant photos and narratives
- Informal reflections with community researchers

3:00 to 3:15 pm - Refreshment Break

3:15 to 3:45 pm - Policy Dialogue Presentations

- Short table summaries and emerging priorities

3:45 to 3:50 pm - Closing Remarks and Next Steps

- Zack Ahmed