

## **MANSO Policy Process**

**MANSO** is exploring developing a policy engagement process with our member organizations.

**Why?** In partnership with all our members, we can play an important role in identifying emerging and challenges issues that negatively affect the integration of newcomers which means that we can inform and enrich many policy debates. MANSO is often in a position to communicate with government, media and funders about settlement & integration. When it's possible, we try to engage the front-line service providers with direct subject matter expertise. We feel that it would also strengthen our work with government and general public to identify areas of consensus or common ground on policy issues among our membership, and to be able to "speak with one voice" on issues of key concern for immigrants and refugees.

### **Policy Process – 2018-19**

**1. AGM, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018:** Introduction of policy process, initial conversations on potential key policy issues on a variety of themes.

**2. June – December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018:** Committees (or ad-hoc small groups) can work on draft resolutions. All draft resolutions must be submitted to the MANSO team by December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**3. Resolution Day, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** On this date, MANSO will host a webinar during which policy resolutions will be presented and discussed. The mover and seconder of any resolution should be present at these events.

Following the meetings, the movers and seconders can revise their resolutions based on feedback from others. We may conduct 'straw polls' (or informal ways to assess the level of support from members) on this day.

**4. Deadline for Final Resolutions, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** Final draft of resolutions to be voted on at the 2019 AGM must be received by the MANSO office. These resolutions will be sent out to member organizations at least 21 days in advance of our AGM, in accordance with the MANSO Bylaws.

**5. AGM, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** Resolutions will be presented by the mover & seconder, and voted on by the MANSO membership. One vote per member. MANSO staff may speak, but may not vote.