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“Beware of thickening our Borders” Ambassador Michael Kergin, Former Canadian Ambassador to the U.S, warned the North American Institute’s “Migration in North America Symposium.”

Measures that do little to resolve risks but impede the movement of legitimate goods and people could make North America non competitive.

Discussions during the one day and half conference in Santa Fe, NM considered integration of economic activities in Mexico, Canada, and the US.

A strategy for reinvesting \$24 billion in annual remittances earned by Mexicans in the US and Canada is a key opportunity for economic growth in Mexico. Symposium participants concluded this could reduce the need for Mexicans to seek income outside their own country.

The Symposium also discussed issues of:

- Health and infrastructure in border regions
- Retiree communities in Mexico as an affordable option to those in Canada or the US.
- Cultural diversity as a strength in all three countries.
- Wealth generation through focused programs on trade and technology.

“We have spent the last two days shedding fresh light on a critical issue facing North America.” Dr. Paul Maxwell, NAMI President concluded.

NAMI will issue a report and short video of the Symposium results and recommendations within two weeks.

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