# CRDCN National Policy Challenge

**In partnership with SAS Canada and Statistics Canada**

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## Finalists’ Meeting

**June 11, 2019**  
Jean Talon conference room, Jean Talon Building, Statistics Canada  
170 Tunneys’ Pasture Driveway, Ottawa

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<td>8:00 - 8:30</td>
<td><strong>Networking breakfast</strong> (continental breakfast will be provided)</td>
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| 8:30 - 8:35 | **Introduction** (meeting facilitator)  
Michelle Gauthier, Michelle Gauthier and Associates Inc. |
| 8:35 - 8:45 | **Words of welcome**  
Lindsay Hart, SAS Canada  
Donna Dosman, Statistics Canada  
Martin Taylor, CRDCN |
| 8:45 - 9:00 | **Opening guest speaker**  
Lynn Barr-Telford, Director General, Health, Justice and Special Surveys Branch, Statistics Canada |
| 9:00 - 9:15 | **Instructions and tour de table**  
Michelle Gauthier, Meeting Facilitator |
| 9:15 - 10:45 | **Session 1: Perspectives on the Opioid Crisis in Canada**  
Opioids on trial: An epidemiological overview of the Canadian opioid crisis  
Anees Bahji, Queen’s University (with Breagh Cheng and Samantha Gray)  
Correlates and patterns of opioid use in Canada: Sources of opioids and relationship to use patterns and impact on health  
Isabella Romano, University of Waterloo (with Kate Battista)  
Mandatory universal pharmaceutical insurance and prescription opioid use  
Karen Ugarte Bravo, McMaster University |
| 10:45 - 11:15 | **Health break** |
11:15 - 12:15  Session 2: Dealing with the Legalization of Cannabis
Exploring cannabis use among Canadian young adults: Implications for health promotion strategies
Irina Oltean, University of Waterloo (with Emily Ha)
Spatial analysis of cannabis and tobacco consumption among Canadian youth and adults
Kuan Liu, University of Toronto (with Dominika Bhatia and Shahriar Shams)

12:15 - 13:30  Networking lunch (lunch will be provided)

13:30 – 15:00  Session 3: Topics in Health and Immigration
Disability-adjusted life expectancy of Aboriginal Canadians
Dominic Gagnon, Université de Montréal (with Rafaël Silva-Ramirez)
Short term mortality after hospital discharge: A closer look at cardiovascular & cardiometabolic diseases
Sarah Singh, Western University
Investigating the economic outcomes of privately sponsored married female refugees
Ramsha Jaweed, University of Waterloo

15:00 - 15:30  Health break (jury deliberates)

15:30 - 16:00  Announcement of winners – prize giving
Andrew Bjerring, chair of the CRDCN Board, and jury members

16:00 - 16:30  Thank you and farewell (including a non-alcoholic post-event networking reception)