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Organizing Immigrant Communities in California's Central Valley:
Exploring ways Information Technology can Help

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Abstract:

California's Central Valley is the most productive agricultural region
in the world. It is also where the state's poorest communities are
located. Within this mix of agricultural wealth and poverty is a
tremendous diversity of ethnicities, many of them immigrants, migrants
and refugees. It is within this context that the Central Valley
Partnership has directed collaborative efforts to assist these
populations to claim an active place in the civic, cultural and economic
life of the region. Isao Fujimoto, Project facilitator for the CVP,
will elaborate on ways to better understand this complex region of
California, the make up and work of the Central Valley Partnership and
the strategies used, challenges faced and lessons learned from this
experience in encouraging civic participation and strengthening the
capacity of community groups to solve problems and improve the quality
of their lives. Active members of the Partnership in attendance will
provide additional insights, especially on the role, application and
needs of information technology in their community organizing work.