



Skills & Post-Secondary Education Summit 2013: *Developing the Talent We Need for a Competitive Nation*

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The Conference Board's new Centre for Skills and Post-Secondary Education is hosting a major conference, ***Skills & Post-Secondary Education Summit 2013: Developing the Talent We Need for a Competitive Nation*** to explore the future of higher education, and address the advanced skills, education and competitiveness challenges facing Canada today.

Advanced skills and educational qualifications are increasingly important to innovation, productivity, economic growth and competitiveness, as Canadian firms face off against the global best in international and domestic markets. Yet we are underperforming as a nation in developing and making the most of our human capital.

SUMMIT OVERVIEW

Skills & Post-Secondary Education Summit 2013 will provide delegates with unique insights and expert-delegate dialogue sessions to learn how to overcome skilled labour challenges, and better develop the educated, highly skilled populations urgently required by our businesses, economy and society.

It will also feature consultation sessions on key issues related to the development of the *Skills and PSE Strategy for Canada*, and on a labour market information tool that will be created to help students, teachers, parents and guidance counsellors better understand labour market trends, select high demand occupations and careers, and identify effective and efficient education and training paths for success upon graduation.

Expert speakers from Canada and abroad will share world class practices, and insights on how we can enhance our post-secondary education (PSE) system to make it an engine of high performance for our people and economy.

As a delegate you will:

- *Gain insights* from the Summit's high-profile international keynote speakers who will share their novel perspectives on world class PSE institutions and systems, and best practices from around the world.
- *Help shape* the objectives and actions featured in the *Skills and PSE Strategy for Canada* by taking part in our consultations and sharing your ideas and feedback.
- *Learn about the latest solutions* to our skilled labour challenges through interactive plenary and workshop sessions, and discussions with leaders and leading experts.

For more information about registration and sponsorship opportunities, please contact:
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SUMMIT THEMES

The conference will focus on the following themes:

- **Canada and the World**—Where does Canada rank on higher education compared to other leading countries?
- **Improving Canada's Competitiveness**—How would improving levels of education, training and skills enhance our national competitiveness?
- **Overcoming Skills and Labour Shortages and Mismatches**—How are skills shortages and mismatches affecting the economy? What best practices and potential solutions could address them?
- **Re-skilling and Up-skilling Target Populations**—How can we engage more immigrants, Aboriginals, youth, mature workers, structurally unemployed individuals, people with disabilities, and women in advanced trades and training programs through PSE to increase the supply of workers in Canada?
- **The Way Forward for the Post-Secondary Education (PSE) System**—How can we build and sustain a world class PSE system that supplies the highly skilled and educated workforce we need?
- **Connecting Industry Needs, Educational Programs, and Skilled Talent**—How can we better connect the key players to make PSE an engine of high performance for our people and economy?

FEATURED TOPICS

- **Canada's Place in the World: An International Perspective on Higher Education and Global Competition**
- **Global Best Practices in Post-Secondary Education: How the World's Top-Ranked Countries are Making PSE a Priority and Succeeding as a Result**
- **Why Improve Skills and Post-Secondary Education Outcomes in Canada?**
- **How are Canada's PSE Institutions Adapting to Face Today's Challenges?**
- **The Way Forward: What Else Needs to Be Done to Enhance our PSE System?**
- **Promoting the Skilled Trades and Technical Occupations: Filling Big Talent Shortages and Building Rewarding Careers**

Take part in the consultations for the *Skills and PSE Strategy for Canada*.
Make your opinion count—register today!