

## Special Events

### WorldSkills Leaders Forum

WorldSkills International is proud to host leaders from government, industry, education and labour organizations from around the world in Calgary, Canada, on September 3, 2009, to participate in the WorldSkills Leaders Forum (WSLF). The WSLF is the preeminent annual forum on global skills issues. This year's WSLF is the largest to date with all of the 600 seats filled.

Canadian business executive, consultant and author Don Tapscott will deliver the keynote address. Tapscott is one of the world's leading authorities on business strategy and the strategic value and impact of information technology. He has authored such books as *Wikinomics: How Mass Collaboration Changes Everything* and *Growing Up Digital*. To read Tapscott's biography, or to watch him speak on YouTube, go to the WorldSkills Leaders Forum website at [www.worldskillsleadersforum.com](http://www.worldskillsleadersforum.com)

Following his keynote address Tapscott will moderate a panel discussion of five past Champions from recent WorldSkills Competitions. The past Champions come from countries around the world and represent a cross section of professions and experiences. They will share both the professional and personal benefits they experienced from competing in the WorldSkills Competition along with their thoughts on important global skills issues.

The WSLF is presented by the Government of Alberta, and proudly supported by WorldSkills International's Global Industry Partners and the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada.

Media can access the event with their WorldSkills accreditation.

#### Global Founding



#### Founding



#### Government Partners



#### Legacy Partner



The 40th WorldSkills Competition is coming to Calgary, Alberta, Canada from September 1 – 7, 2009. The organizing committee, WorldSkills Calgary 2009, is leading the event coordination with support from WorldSkills International, Skills/Compétences Canada, and Skills Canada Alberta.