



Skills Development and At-Risk Populations in the 21st Century

AUGUST 19 - 21, 2013

Monday, August 19, 2013

Welcome Reception

7:00 PM Residence Inn by Marriott, Compass Rose Waterfront Park
(alternate location in the case of inclement weather: St. Lawrence Ballroom)

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

Light Refreshments

8:00 AM Residence Inn by Marriott, St. Lawrence Ballroom

Welcome and Introduction

8:30 AM **Andreas Schleicher**, Deputy Director, Education and Skills, OECD

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Drivers of the skills agenda

Chair: **Ron Parker**, Associate Deputy Minister, Employment and Social Development Canada

Speakers:

Michael Handel, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University, Boston
Benjamin Tal, Deputy Chief Economist, CIBC, Toronto

10:45 – 12:15 PM

Developing human capital: is a comprehensive approach possible?

Chair: **Deborah Newman**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, Government of Ontario

Speakers:

Burt Barnow, Amsterdam Professor of Public Service and Economics, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, George Washington University, Washington, DC
Arthur Sweetman, Professor Department of Economics, Ontario Research Chair in Health Human Resources, McMaster University, Hamilton

LUNCH 12:15 – 1:15 PM

1:15 – 2:45 PM

Immigration and skills

Chair: **Chisanga Puta-Chekwe**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Citizenship and immigration, Government of Ontario

Speakers:

Audrey Singer, Senior Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institute, Washington, DC

Ratna Omidvar, President, Maytree Foundation, Toronto

3:00 – 4:30 PM

Education, training, labour market entry and youth

Chair: **Denise Campbell**, Director of Community Resources, Social Development, Finance and Administration Division, City of Toronto

Speakers:

David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling, Scotland, UK

Neil Sandell, Senior Producer, CBC, former Atkinson Fellow, Toronto

Reception

5:30 PM *Residence Inn by Marriott, Compass Rose Waterfront Park*

Dinner

6:30 PM *Residence Inn by Marriott, St. Lawrence Ballroom*

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

Light Refreshments

8:00 AM *Residence Inn by Marriott, St. Lawrence Ballroom*

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Education, training, and workplace accommodation for persons with disabilities

Chair: **Nancy Milroy-Swainson**, Director General, Office for Disability Issues, Employment and Social Development Canada

Speakers:

Laura Owens, Associate Professor, Department of Exceptional Education, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Susan Scott-Parker, CEO, Business Disability Forum, London, UK

Cameron Crawford, Instructor, School of Disability Studies, Ryerson University

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10:45 – 12:15 PM

Education, training, labour market participation and Aboriginal people

Chair: **Robert Carson**, Fellow, Circumpolar Affairs, Queen's Institute for Energy and the Environment, former Assistant Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Affairs, Government of Nunavut

Speakers:

Harvey McCue, Consultant, Ottawa

Jennifer Rattray, Associate Vice-President of Indigenous, Government and Community Affairs, University of Winnipeg

LUNCH

12:15 - 1:15 PM

The politics of a skills agenda

1:15 – 2:45 PM

Chair: **Marg Rappolt**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community and Social Services, Government of Ontario

Speakers:

Don Drummond, Matthews Fellow in Global Public Policy, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University

Carol Goar, Columnist, The Toronto Star

Michael Mendelson, Senior Scholar, Caledon Institute on Social Policy

2:45 PM

Conference Ends