

WORLDSKILLS ABU DHABI 2017

**OCTOBER 14-19, 2017,
ABU DHABI NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE,
ABU DHABI, U.A.E.**

**JOIN US AT THE 44TH WORLDSKILLS
COMPETITION WHERE SKILLED YOUTH
FROM 60 COUNTRIES AND REGIONS
WILL COMPETE IN OVER
50 DISCIPLINES FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS
TITLE OF WORLD CHAMPION.**

WHAT IS THE WORLDSKILLS COMPETITION?

- The WorldSkills Competition, held every two years, is the largest vocational, education and skills excellence event in the world that truly reflects global industry standards. The competitors representing the best of their generation are selected from skills competitions held in 76 WorldSkills Member countries and regions.
- At the WorldSkills Competition, more than 1,300 competitors (including 31 Canadians), accompanied by teachers and trainers, gather together from around the globe to test themselves against rigorous international standards that are representative of the skills required in their specific occupational area. This is done in an open forum that allows for the public to observe and gain a stronger appreciation for the complexity of these occupational areas.

WHO IS WORLDSKILLS TEAM CANADA 2017?

At the 2016 Skills Canada National Competition, the highest-ranking age eligible medalist in each applicable contest area were selected to compete in the WorldSkills Canadian Trials. Competitors reaching pre-established Canadian standards at the trials were named to WorldSkills Team Canada 2017 and will participate in the 44th WorldSkills Competition.

WHY IS IT HAPPENING?

- The WorldSkills Competition increases the visibility and promotes the importance of professional education, as one of the key tools of socioeconomic transformation.
- The Competition also provides leaders in industry, labour, government and education with the opportunity to exchange information and best practices regarding industry and professional education.
- New ideas and processes are brought to the forefront to inspire school-aged youth to dedicate themselves to technical and technological careers and towards a promising future.

GOALS

- Provide competitors with hands-on work experience.
- Get youth thinking about skilled trades and technology careers as a viable and interesting career path.
- Get youth to engage in projects/experiences involving skilled trades and technology fostering conversations between industries, teachers and students.
- Engage with industry leaders, educators, labour, and political decision makers creating a dialogue focused on the importance of encouraging youth to consider a career in the skilled trades or technologies.
- Provide a global exchange and comparison of world-class competency standards in the various skilled trades and technology sectors of the global economy.

WORLDSKILLS ABU DHABI 2017 IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- The 44th WorldSkills Competition will take place October 14-19, 2017 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.
- Approximately 100,000 student visitors will participate in various Try-A-Trade® and Technology activities hosted by educators and industry experts. These hands on activities are aimed at heightening their understanding and interest in pursuing a career in the skilled trades and technologies.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

October 14th: Opening Ceremony
October 15th-18th: Competition Days
October 19th: Closing Ceremony