

# ACTIVITIES OF WORLDSKILLS



## WHAT IS WORLDSKILLS?

As an international movement, WorldSkills is the global voice of workplace skills promotion. We use **COMPETITIONS AND PROJECTS, EDUCATION AND TRAINING, ADVOCACY, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, CAREER, AND RESEARCH** to bring together industry, government and education organizations to drive an international **SKILLS AGENDA** designed to create economic stability for all people and freedom of choice for all youth.

The continued growth of WorldSkills attests to the fact that traditional trade skills along with the newer technology multi-skilled vocations make an essential contribution to the economic and social well-being of people everywhere. As a free standing, non-political organization, WorldSkills provides a cost effective means for global government, education, and industry cooperation in achieving higher standards and status for vocational education and training on a worldwide basis.

## THE WORLDSKILLS COMPETITION

Over its 60-year history, WorldSkills has come to symbolize the pinnacle of excellence in vocational education and skills promotion. Every two years, over a thousand young skilled professionals, accompanied by their teachers and trainers, gather from around the world to compete before the public in their various skills and test themselves against demanding international standards. They represent the best of their peers drawn from regional and national skill competitions held throughout the world.

The experience and results of all the competitions provide valuable feedback both to the individuals and the systems and enterprises in which they are being trained. For some it means recognition for outstanding achievement, while for others it provides the motivation and knowledge to aspire to higher standards. For the onlookers it is a revealing experience to see highly competent and skilled young people in action. The Competition is particularly effective in the context of providing positive career role models for school-aged youth and provides a unique means of exchange and comparison of world-class competency standards in the industrial skills and service sectors of the global economy.

- *The 43rd WorldSkills Competition will be held in São Paulo, Brazil, 10–16 August 2015.*
- *The 44th WorldSkills Competition will be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 17–22 October 2017.*



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## WORLDSKILLS LEADERS FORUM

The WorldSkills Leaders Forum (WSLF) is the opportunity to meet and network with other influential stakeholders involved in the promotion and development of vocational education and skills excellence throughout the world. This event changes slightly from year to year. During the WorldSkills Competition the WSLF is integrated into the overall WorldSkills experience which includes other events such as the WorldSkills Conference Programme. During alternate years, the WSLF will usually be held in conjunction with the General Assembly.

For more information please visit:  
[www.worldskillsleadersforum.com](http://www.worldskillsleadersforum.com)



## WORLDSKILLS PORTAL

The WorldSkills Portal is an interactive, informative, multi-lingual, multi-regional and international website that is designed to raise the awareness of the international skills community and the WorldSkills Member countries and regions.

Visit the Portal to read great stories about how the WorldSkills Competition has touched the lives of many Champions, how they stay connected within their country/region, and read about the WorldSkills Competition skill competitions. The newest addition to the Portal is a comment system which allows the Champions, friends, family, teachers and other supporters to write on their profiles.

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## WORLDSKILLS CHAMPIONS FORUM

The WorldSkills Champions Forum (WSCF), formerly the WorldSkills Youth Forum, was born out of the recognition that youth are important stakeholders in WorldSkills and have a lot to contribute to the movement.

The WSCF objectives are to actively encourage and support the growth of WorldSkills Champion alumni networks and associated youth activities within WorldSkills and its Member organizations and to widen and deepen the effectiveness of WorldSkills in line with its vision and mission.

A key goal for the WSCF is to gather elite young skilled professionals together every two years to tackle global skills issues and to help position WorldSkills to affect change in skills, trades and technologies worldwide.

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## WORLDSKILLS VISION

### IMPROVING OUR WORLD WITH THE POWER OF SKILLS.