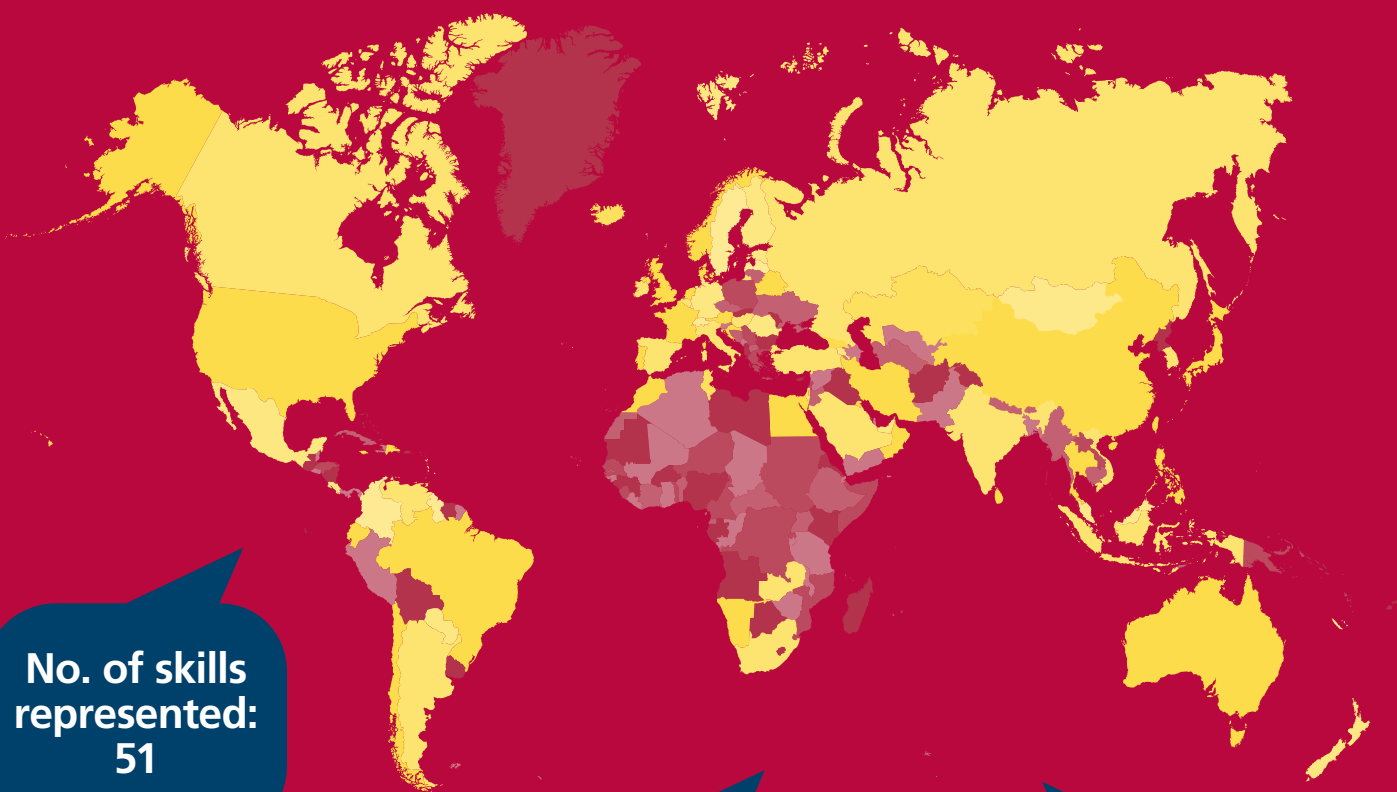


FACT SHEET: WORLDSKILLS



Founded in 1950, WorldSkills is a global organization that promotes vocational, technological and service oriented education and training. We promote skilled careers in 76 Member countries and regions, all working with youth, educators, governments, and industries to help prepare the workforce and talent of today for the jobs of the future. WorldSkills brings youth, industries, and educators together to give youth the chance to compete, experience, and learn how to become the best in their skill of choice. From the traditional trades to multi-skilled technology careers in the industry and service sectors, supported by partners, industries, governments, volunteers, and educational institutions, WorldSkills is making a direct impact on raising the level of skills throughout the world.

WorldSkills is not just a Competition though, it is a movement. By working within the six areas of Research, Promoting Skills, Career Building, Education and Training, International Cooperation and Development, and Skills Competitions, WorldSkills is the global hub for skills excellence and development with ongoing activities nationally, regionally and globally. The WorldSkills Foundation contributes with projects and initiatives that demonstrate the capacity for innovation and collaboration with partners, in order to leverage and build self-sustaining activities.



**No. of skills
represented:
51**

**No. of Member
countries/
regions: 76**
(representing more
than 70% of the
world's population)

**35 new
Member
countries/
regions since
2005**

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WORLD SKILLS TIMELINE:



1950	FIRST INTERNATIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION
1953	6 MEMBER COUNTRIES AND REGIONS FROM EUROPE
1961	1ST ASIAN COUNTRY JOINS — JAPAN
1970	FIRST TIME COMPETITION HELD OUTSIDE EUROPE
1973	1ST NORTH AMERICAN COUNTRY JOINS — UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
1980	17 MEMBER COUNTRIES AND REGIONS
1981	1ST SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY JOINS — BRAZIL
1981	1ST OCEANIA COUNTRY JOINS — AUSTRALIA
1990	22 MEMBER COUNTRIES AND REGIONS
1990	1ST AFRICAN COUNTRY JOINS — SOUTH AFRICA
1995	1ST ASEAN REGIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION — MALAYSIA
1997	1ST MIDDLE EAST COUNTRY JOINS — UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
1998	1ST EUROPEAN REGIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION — NETHERLANDS
2000	ORGANIZATION REBRANDED AS WORLD SKILLS
2000	36 MEMBER COUNTRIES AND REGIONS
2001	FIRST WORLD SKILLS LEADERS FORUM HELD IN SEOUL, KOREA
2003	FIRST GLOBAL INDUSTRY PARTNERS SUPPORT THE CONTINUOUS WORK OF ORGANIZATION
2005	FULL TIME SECRETARIAT TO PROFESSIONALLY MANAGE THE ORGANIZATION
2005	FIRST CONFERENCE PROGRAMME HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH WORLD SKILLS COMPETITION
2005	42 MEMBER COUNTRIES AND REGIONS
2006	FIRST WORLD SKILLS YOUTH FORUM HELD IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
2007	47 MEMBER COUNTRIES AND REGIONS
2008	FIRST WORLD SKILLS AMBASSADOR — MARCOS PONTES
2008	1ST GCC REGIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION — UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
2009	52 MEMBER COUNTRIES AND REGIONS
2010	1ST AMERICAS REGIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION — BRAZIL
2011	WORLD SKILLS FOUNDATION CREATED
2011	58 MEMBER COUNTRIES AND REGIONS
2012	FIRST INNOVATION LAB HELD IN SINGAPORE
2014	72 MEMBER COUNTRIES AND REGIONS
2015	FIRST WORLD SKILLS COMPETITION TO BE HOSTED IN SOUTH AMERICA
2017	FIRST WORLD SKILLS COMPETITION TO BE HOSTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST