



# WorldSkills LEADERS FORUM Program



3 September 2009

# Program

- 11:00 – 11:03 **Opening Remarks**  
Laurent Thibault  
Board of Directors/Treasurer of WorldSkills International
- 11:03 – 11:08 **Welcome Address**  
The Honourable Ed Stelmach  
Premier of Alberta
- 11:09 – 11:12 **Greetings from the City of Calgary**  
His Worship Mayor Dave Bronconnier
- 11:12 – 11:15 **Introduction of Keynote Speaker**  
David Green  
Chair, WorldSkills International Global Industry Partners
- 11:15 – 12:00 **Keynote Address**  
Don Tapscott  
Canadian business executive, consultant and best selling author
- 12:05 – 12:40 **Lunch**
- 12:45 – 13:30 **Panel Discussion** - Moderated by Don Tapscott  
The following five Past Champions <sup>[1]</sup> of the WorldSkills Competition will participate in the panel discussion:  
Adam Peirson from the United Kingdom, 2003 Competitor in Cooking  
Anesha Simpson-Nembhard from Jamaica, 2005 Competitor in Software Application  
Anthony Chong from Singapore, 2003 Competitor in Graphic Design  
Nathan Banke from Canada, 2007 Competitor in Automobile Technology  
Simon Buchanan from Australia, 2007 Competitor in Landscape Gardening
- 13:35 – 13:40 **Thank You Message**  
The Honourable Kelly Lamrock  
Minister of Social Development for the Province of New Brunswick  
Immediate Past Chair of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada
- 13:40 **Conclusion of the WorldSkills Leaders Forum**



## DON TAPSCOTT

**Keynote speaker and panel discussion moderator**

Don Tapscott is one of the world's leading authorities on business strategy and the strategic value and impact of information technology. Don was one of the first to see the importance of the Internet for business and his book *Digital Capital* defined the business models that emerged from the networked revolution of the 1990s. He has authored or coauthored twelve other widely read books on business and technology, including *Paradigm Shift*, *The Digital Economy* and most recently, *Grown Up Digital: How the Net Generation is Changing Your World*.

His previous book, *Wikinomics*, is an international bestseller, #1 on the 2007 management charts, and appearing on *The New York Times* and *BusinessWeek* bestseller lists. Translated into 20 languages, *Wikinomics* was a finalist for the prestigious *Financial Times*/Goldman Sachs Best Business Book Award and was chosen as one of the best books of the year by other publications, including *The Economist*.

Don is Chairman of the think tank nGenera Insight and an Adjunct Professor of Management at the Joseph L. Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto.

## PANEL MEMBERS



### Adam Peirson

United Kingdom  
2003 Competitor in Cooking  
Medallion for Excellence



### Anthony Chong

Singapore  
2003 Competitor in Graphic Design  
Bronze Medal



### Anesha Simpson-Nembhard

Jamaica  
2005 Competitor in Software Application  
Best of Nation Award



### Nathan Banke

Canada  
2007 Competitor in Automobile Technology  
Medallion for Excellence



### Simon Buchanan

Australia  
2007 Competitor in Landscape Gardening  
Medallion for Excellence

[1] A Past Champion is anyone who has participated in the WorldSkills Competition regardless if they received a medal or not.

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