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 [1] of the WorldSkills Competition will participate in the panel discussion:

Adam Peiron 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 co-authored twelve other widely read books on business and technology, including Paradigm Shift, The Digital Economy and most recently, Grown Up Digital: How the Next 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 Business Week 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

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