

# The Sector Council Research Project Agenda at a Glance

**Monday, September 26, 2005**

8:30 a.m. Opening Plenary  
**Canada's Training Challenges and Opportunities**

## **Issue Statement #1—Changing Employers' Behaviour About Training**

**Conference Chair:**

Dr. Michael Bloom  
Executive Director, Strategic Projects and Initiatives & Education and Learning  
The Conference Board of Canada

**Opening Address:**

[Mr. Alan Nymark](#)  
Deputy Minister  
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

**“The Learning Imperative”**

*Keynote Speaker:*  
[Mr. Jeffrey Simpson](#)  
Author and National Affairs Columnist  
*The Globe and Mail*

10:20 a.m. 2nd Plenary  
**Gaining a Regional Edge—Extending the Reach of Sector Councils**

## **Issue Statement #2—Sector Councils: How to Enhance and Extend their Regional Reach**

**Session Chair:**

Mr. Gilles Rhéaume  
Vice President, Policy, Business and Society  
The Conference Board of Canada

**“A Short Overview of Canada's Industrial Sectors and their Significance to the Canadian Economy and Regions”**

*Presenter:*  
[Mr. Louis Thériault](#)  
Director, Industrial Outlook  
The Conference Board of Canada

**“Sectoral Interventions: A Partnership Approach”**

*Co-presenters:*  
[Mr. Éric Parisien](#)  
Director, Sector Council Program  
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

[Ms. Guylaine Leblanc](#)  
Assistant General Director, Sectoral Intervention  
Emploi-Québec

11:45 a.m.

**Networking Lunch**

1:00 p.m.

**Workshops on Eight Sector Council Initiatives**

**1. From Standards to Learning on the Job**

- a. [Aviation Maintenance's Occupational Standards & Certification System](#)  
Ms. Barbara Kirby  
Canadian Aviation Maintenance Sector Council
- b. [Automotive Repairs' Interactive Distance Learning \(IDL\) Program](#)  
Ms. Jennifer Steeves  
Canadian Automotive Repair & Service Council

**2. Skills that Influence Planning and Profits**

- a. [Trucking's Earning Your Wheels \(EYW\) Program](#)  
Ms. Linda Gauthier  
Canadian Trucking Human Resources Council
- b. [Construction's Labour Market Information \(LMI\) Program](#)  
Mr. George Gritziotis  
Construction Sector Council

**3. Developing the Next Generation Workforce**

- a. [Tourism's Ready to Work \(RTW\) Program](#)  
Ms. Wendy Swedlove  
Canadian Tourism Human Resource Council
- b. [Software's Information Technology Support Associate \(ITSA\) Program](#)  
Mr. Paul Swinwood  
Software Human Resource Sector Council

**4. Canadian Skills and International Opportunities**

- a. [ECO Canada's Environmental Skills Internship \(ESI\) Project](#)  
Mr. Grant Trump  
ECO Canada
- b. [FITT'S FITTskills and CITP Credentialing Program](#)  
Ms. Caroline Tompkins  
Forum for International Trade Training

2:30 p.m.

3rd Plenary

**International Sectoral Skills Strategies—Insights for Action**

**Issue Statement #3—Sector Councils: A Platform to Build On? What Else Might Sector Councils Do?**

**Session Chair:**

Mr. Silvano Tocchi  
Manager, Sector Council Program  
Workplace Skills Branch

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

**“International Sector Council Initiatives: Themes and Issues”**

*Co-presenters:*

[Dr. Johnny Sung](#)

Senior Research Fellow  
Centre for Labour Market Studies  
University of Leicester

[Dr. Arwen Raddon](#)

Research Fellow  
Centre for Labour Market Studies  
University of Leicester

3:30 p.m.

Closing Plenary  
**The Road Ahead**

***Conference Chair:***

Dr. Michael Bloom  
Executive Director, Strategic Projects and Initiatives & Education and Learning  
The Conference Board of Canada

**“The Road Ahead for Canada’s Sector Councils”**

*Closing Address:*

Mr. Peter Larose  
Director General, Program Policy and Coordination  
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada