

Skills for a Net-Zero Economy

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, October 25th, 2022

Theme: Skills and Sustainability

Location: Vancouver Convention Centre, West Building, 1055 Canada Pl,
Vancouver

Event objectives:

The event explores the transition to a clean economy and the role of skills development as a critical driver of success for zero-emission objectives in Western Canada.

By gathering researchers, employers, post-secondary educators, and government and industry representatives, our event aims to vision a zero-emission economy, that not only meets climate change targets but enables everyone to participate and benefit.

The keynote and panels will feature key highlights from recent labour market research and explore the implications of the clean economy transition for various organizations, communities, and regions.

This event will be a unique opportunity for the guests to compare approaches across Western Canada's industries, provinces and territories, and discuss what's needed for the future of the labour market in the context of Canada's net-zero objectives.

Speakers:

- **Pedro Barata**, Executive Director, Future Skills Centre
- **Christine Bergeron**, President and CEO, Vancity
- **Michael Burt**, Vice President, The Conference Board of Canada
- **Brian Haugen**, Director of Education and Engagement, International Union of Operating Engineers
- **Alicia Hibbert**, Senior Research Associate, The conference Board of Canada
- **Samir Khan**, Senior Research and Evaluation Associate, Future Skills Centre
- **Divya Mallavarapu**, Climate & Sustainability Advisor, Canada Green Building Council
- **John McNally**, Program Director, Smart Prosperity Institute



- **Iris Newman**, Coast Salish Elder, Squamish Nation
- **Bindy Sawchuk**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Advanced Education and Skills Training, Government of British Columbia
- **Jeannette Sutherland**, Director of EDGE UP, Workforce, Calgary Economic Development
- **Tanya Talaga**, Award-Winning Journalist, Author Seven Fallen Feathers
- **Winnie Tam**, Executive Director, The Starfish
- **Claudine Vidallo**, Vice President, Projects, ECO Canada
- **Sheila Watt-Cloutier**, Environmental, Cultural and Human Rights Advocate

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Please note: All agenda times are in Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)

11:30 a.m.

Arrival and Lunch

Join us in the West Building of the Vancouver Convention Centre for check in and networking with fellow government, industry, and innovation partners.

12:30 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Michael Burt, Vice President, The Conference Board of Canada

Iris Newman, Coast Salish Elder, Squamish Nation

Pedro Barata, Executive Director, Future Skills Centre

12:45 p.m.

Plenary Panel with Audience Q&A

Moderator: Tanya Talaga, Award-Winning Journalist, Author Seven Fallen Feathers

Panelists: Christine Bergeron, President and CEO, Vancity

Claudine Vidallo, Vice President, Projects, ECO Canada

Bindy Sawchuk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Advanced Education and Skills Training, Government of British Columbia

Listen in as our esteemed panelists discuss the role of skills development as a driver of success for zero-emission objectives across the Canadian economy.

1:55 p.m.

Break

2:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

Brian Haugen, Director of Education and Engagement, International Union of Operating Engineers

Alicia Hibbert, Senior Research Associate, The conference Board of Canada

Samir Khan, Senior Research and Evaluation Associate, Future Skills Centre

Divya Mallavarapu, Climate & Sustainability Advisor, Canada Green Building Council

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Jeannette Sutherland, Director of EDGE UP, Workforce at Calgary Economic Development

Winnie Tam, Executive Director, The Starfish

Learn, share, and discuss with fellow organizations, on the practical needs, challenges, and strategies in terms of workforce transition, and drafting recommendations for next-step workforce training strategies in the West Coast regions.

2:40 p.m.

Break

2:50 p.m.

Plenary Keynote

Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Environmental, Cultural and Human Rights Advocate

3:25 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Pedro Barata, Executive Director, Future Skills Centre

3:30 p.m.

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