

Twelfth Annual Network Meeting

## **Employment and Training in Hard Times: Ensuring Equity and Access in the Future Economy**

Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Metro Hall, Room 308/309, 55 John Street (at King), Toronto

Dear Colleague,

You are invited to participate in the Twelfth Annual Network Meeting sponsored by the Intergovernmental Committee for Economic and Labour Force Development (ICE) on **Thursday, January 14, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at Metro Hall, Room 308/309, 55 John Street (at King) in Toronto.

The theme for this year's meeting, ***Employment and Training in Hard Times: Ensuring Equity and Access in the Future Economy***, focuses on the impact the recession is having on vulnerable groups, what is working well to get these groups back into the labour market and what more can be done to ensure their success. The proposed agenda is attached.



We are delighted to have **Professor Arthur Sweetman**, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University, as our keynote speaker. Arthur holds a Doctorate in Economics from McMaster University. His research focuses primarily on economic issues related to labour market, social and health policy.

Two panel discussions will follow. The first panel includes **Cathy Lewis** from Abbott Point of Care and iSisters, **Denise Campbell** from the City of Toronto and **Patricia O'Connor** from Ryerson University, and will focus on innovative training and employment projects that are making a real difference in people's lives.

The second panel will consider how best to address gaps in service, and includes **Bob Santos** from Link Up Employment Services for People with Disabilities, **Raquel Ingram**, an Internationally Educated Professional, and **Barry Witkin** from 50Plus Canada Works.

**Rahul Bhardwaj**, President and CEO of the Toronto Community Foundation, will close the program with an overview of earlier discussion and the value of community partnerships.

There is no cost to participate in this forum. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at what promises to be an informative and exciting session. Seating capacity is limited so **please RSVP to [info@icecommittee.org](mailto:info@icecommittee.org)** by no later than January 7, 2010. Feel free to call me directly at 416-348-9935 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,  
Enid Slack, Chair  
ICE Committee

**Register by January 7, 2010**  
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### **Proposed Agenda**

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration, breakfast and networking
- 9:00 – 9:05 Welcome and introduction – **Enid Slack**, Chair, ICE Committee
- 9:05 – 9:50 Keynote – The Impact of a Changing Economy on Our Most Vulnerable  
✓ **Professor Arthur Sweetman**  
*School of Policy Studies, Queen's University*
- 9.50 – 10:00 Q & A
- 10:00 – 10:45 Panel Presentation – Innovative Projects that Make a Difference  
✓ **Cathy Lewis**, Manager of Apprenticeship Programming, Abbott Point of Care and Founder and CEO of iSisters  
✓ **Denise Campbell**, Acting Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, City of Toronto  
✓ **Patricia O'Connor**, Coordinator, Internationally-Educated Social Work Professionals (IESW) Bridging Program, Ryerson University
- 10:45 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – 11:45 Panel presentation – Collaborating to Address Gaps in Service  
✓ **Bob Santos**, Executive Director, Link Up Employment Services for People with Disabilities  
✓ **Raquel Ingram**, Internationally Educated Professional  
✓ **Barry Witkin**, Chairman & CEO, 50Plus Canada Works
- 11:45 – 12:10 Tying It All Together: The Value of Community Partnerships  
✓ **Rahul Bhardwaj**, President and CEO, Toronto Community Foundation
- 12:10 – 12:15 Q & A
- 12:15 – 12:30 Closing Remarks – **Enid Slack**, Chair, ICE Committee

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