Closing Remarks

for

The Honourable Randy Boissonnault,

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Wow. What a great, inspiring day everyone

Thank you all so much for your contributions.

It’s been 10 years since the federal government hosted a Workforce Summit.

Think how much the nature of work has changed in the past decade and imagine the next 10 or 20 years. The prospect is mind boggling.

Today was an opportunity to reflect on the progress we’ve made building a 21st century labour market.

During the breakout sessions, we discussed a whole range of issues.

* Changing labour market dynamics,
* Innovative approaches to education and training,
* Opportunities for us to work together as employers, educators, labour leaders and workers.

I’m so pleased that the summit focussed on solutions and concrete areas for action on a variety of topics.

(Placeholder for further reflection on the summit.)

We heard great ideas around Canada’s changing demographics, technological and digital adoption, the low carbon economy, and recognizing distinct needs in urban, rural, remote and Indigenous communities.

And we touched on innovative approaches for employers and workers to work together to bring more underrepresented Canadians into the workforce.

As I said in my opening remarks, we weren’t here to find instant answers to everything.

But what we did here today will enable us to better position ourselves to equip the workforce of tomorrow and build a more innovative, productive, and competitive labour force that benefits Canadian workers and employers.

If you’ve heard an idea or strategy that appeals to you, take it home to your workplace and spread the word.

I hope you’ll leave here encouraged by the discussions you engaged in and have made connections that you will build on to work together going forward. Together we will deliver better results for Canadians and contribute to building a modern 21st century workforce.

Thanks again everyone.

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