

Press Release

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Nomination Deadline Extended for International TVET Youth Forum

Young persons interested in representing Barbados at the **International TVET Youth Forum** now have until Friday, March 24, to submit their nominations as the deadline date was extended to accommodate late submissions.

The International TVET Youth Forum will take place October 14 and 15 in the United Emirates during **WorldSkills Abu Dhabi 2017**. The Forum seeks to bring together young people from across the globe to discuss and share their experiences on technical and vocational education and training (TVET).

Nominations can be made by submitting a cover letter and curriculum vitae at website <http://www.worldskillsbarbados.org.bb/Apply/>.

The cover letter must briefly explain the nominee's perspective on at least three of the following topics: Skills Development, Education and Training, Employment, Innovation, Industry 4.0, Entrepreneurship, Green Economy, Global Citizenship, Happiness and Tolerance.

Nominees, ages 18 to 24, must be enrolled in, or graduated from, a local public or private TVET institution such as the Barbados Community College, Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic or Barbados Vocational Training Board.

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Nominations can be made by individuals or institutions' representatives. Expenses will be covered for the successful participant to attend.

Participants will be required to engage in several online and on-the-ground discussions and 'think tanks' on the previously mentioned topics.

Conference Coordinator, Gunnar Gilgen explained that youth facilitators and industry representatives will work with the successful participants during the conference.

It is expected that at the end of the Youth Forum, a draft Youth Declaration will be produced and handed over to the participants of the WorldSkills Conference.

"We expect a certain enthusiasm about the topics from the nominees. We would like to find participants who are willing to contribute to online and on the ground discussions and are open to other people's cultures and likes to communicate," Mr Gilgen said.

The **WorldSkills Abu Dhabi 2017** is the 44th biennial **WorldSkills Competition**, a global 'skills Olympics' which showcases young, skilled professionals who compete to be the best among the approximately 75-member countries represented at the unique event which will feature 45 skill areas. These will range from the traditional trades to multi-skilled technology careers in the industry and service sectors. The Competition will take place at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre on October 14th – 19th. (PR/TVET Council Barbados)

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