



2026 Ontario Labour Market Conference Agenda

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ONLINE CONFERENCE

Thursday June 18, 2026

8:30am—4:00pm

- **Introduction:** Welcome to Ontario's changing labour market
- **Insights:** Amandipp Singh, Founder, Enabled Talent Canada
- **Ontario Government Changes:** Annual Report on Protect Ontario
- Labour Market Amazing Race Challenge #1
- **Sector Analysis:** Impact of Economic Change on Ontario's Post-Secondary Education System

Morning Break

- **Overview:** Youth in Ontario Experience Historic Challenges in Securing Employment
- **Insights:** Mahtab Laghaei, Policy Analyst, the dais, Toronto Metropolitan University, discusses the 'Art of AI'
- **Sector Analysis:** Construction in Ontario
- **Federal Gov. Response:** Breaking down the steps the federal government is taking to support the labour market
- **National Defence:** Supports and Investment in the Canadian Forces
- Labour Market Amazing Race Challenge #2

Lunch Break

- **Insights:** Jason Shawana, Executive Director, NPAAMB Indigenous Youth Employment and Training
- **Sector Analysis:** Tourism in Ontario
- Labour Market Amazing Race Challenge #3

Afternoon Break

- Labour Market Amazing Race Challenge #4
- **Labour Market Analysis:** Canadian Chambers of Commerce Quarterly Outlook
- **Insights:** Akosua Alagaratnam, Executive Director, First Work
- Day 1 Wrap Up

Friday June 19, 2026

8:30am—12:00pm

- **Day 2 Keynote Address:** Navigating Ontario's Labour Market During a Perpetual Skills Shortage
- **Insights:** Brendon Bernard, Economist, Indeed Hiring Lab
- **Sector Analysis:** Manufacturing in Ontario
- **Panel Discussion:** Ontario Job Development
- **Overview:** Supporting Those with Disabilities in our Labour Market
- Labour Market Amazing Race Challenge #5

Morning Break

- Labour Market Amazing Race Challenge #6
- **Insights:** Corinne Pohlmann, Executive Vice-President, Advocacy for the Canadian Federation of Independent Business
- **Overview:** Supporting Immigrants in our Labour Market
- **Sector Analysis:** Transportation in Ontario
- Labour Market Amazing Race Results / Winners
- **Closing Address:** Utilizing Labour Market Information During Times of Transition
- Final Thoughts / Next Steps
- Day 2 Wrap-Up