



Invitation to the 42nd WorldSkills Competition 2013, 2 – 7 July 2013, and the conference on

Green Industrial Skills for Sustainable Development Risks and Challenges for Least Developed Countries 1 July 2013, Leipzig/Germany

Reply requested by 15 March 2013

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), WorldSkills Germany and the WorldSkills Foundation have the honor to invite you to the conference “**Green Industrial Skills for Sustainable Development – Risks and Challenges for Least Developed Countries**”, which will be held in the run-up to the 42nd WorldSkills Competition in Leipzig/Germany.

The main purpose of the conference is to increase awareness on the importance of green industrial skills development amongst countries worldwide and to promote green industrial skills for a better future of deprived young people and enhance their chance of employment and income. The plenary discussion and following roundtables at the conference shall provide input for potential policy change and national programmes in the area of education and green skills development, and shall give an opportunity to directly exchange knowledge and expertise of high-level decision-makers coming from various fields around the globe, including national governments, academia, UN affiliated organizations, civil society and the private sector.

The participants of the conference are also invited to attend the Opening Ceremony of the WorldSkills Competition 2013, the following Competition days and have the opportunity to register for optional industrial site visits and excursions to vocational training centers.

The provisional agenda and timetable, as well as the background information on the 42nd WorldSkills Competition are attached hereto. Your response should be sent with the attached registration form by 15 March to Ms. Hila-Nawa Alam at UNIDO, Vienna: h.alam@unido.org, Conference External Relations.

Please don't hesitate to forward this message to potential interested partners and meanwhile acquire further details by visiting www.worldskillsleipzig2013.com.