



2019
INTERNATIONAL
Skills Conference

September 25, 2019 | The W Midtown Atlanta

AGENDA

7:45 am **Registration, Breakfast & Networking**

8:30 am **Welcome Remarks by STEFANIE ZISKA – President & CEO, GACC South**
Conference moderated by Virginia Rounds – Director, Skills Initiative & ICATT Apprenticeship Program, GACC Midwest

9:00 am **News from Washington**
DAVE LANGDON – Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Commerce

9:25 am **Apprenticeships made in Germany – Challenges and success stories**
Moderated by Mario Kratsch – Vice President, GACC Midwest
MANUELE D’AVERSA – CEO, LINDE + WIEMANN US Inc.
JESUS ESPINOZA – Vehicle Test Specialist, Volkswagen Group of America
ARNDT SIEPMANN – Deputy Director of Economic Development in the City of Auburn, AL
MIGUEL RIVERA – Plant Engineering Manager, American Woodmark

10:15 am **Coffee & Networking break**

10:45 am **German American Pilot Projects – Current projects to evolve apprenticeship programs**
Moderated by Stefanie Ziska – President & CEO, GACC South
HANNES BARSKE – Deputy Head of Internationalization of Vocational Education & Training, DLR Project Management Agency
MATT BRASS – State Senator, Georgia State Senate
DAVID KELLER – President/Managing Director of Operations, E.G.O. North America Inc.
DR. URSINA KRUMPHOLZ – Minister Counselor, Head of the Economic and Business Section, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Washington

12:00 pm **Lunch & Networking break**

1:15 pm **Apprenticeship demand in the U.S. – Survey Results**
DR. JOHANN FORTWENGEL – Assistant Professor of International Management, King’s College London



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1:30 pm **World Café: Roundtable Discussions**

TOPIC #1: How can we build strong and successful partnerships between Employers and Technical Colleges to succeed in Apprenticeship Programs?

STEVE CROMER, Senior Director of Advanced Manufacturing, West Georgia Technical College

TOPIC #2: Economic Development

SCOTT MALONE, President, Development Authority, LaGrange- Georgia

ARNDT SIEPMANN, Deputy Director of Economic Development, City of Auburn- Alabama

TOPIC #3: Transferability of apprenticeship's in company element into the field of academic (dual) studies

HANNES BARSKE – Deputy Head of Internationalization of Vocational Education & Training, DLR Project Management Agency

DR. ANDREAS MUELLER, Professor and Strategic Consultant, Deputy Head of Internationalization of Vocational Education & Training – DLR Project Management Agency

2:30 pm **Recap World Café**

IRENE MUNN – Skills Advisor, GACC South

3:00 pm **End of International Skills Conference**

4:00 pm **GA CATT Inaugural Apprentice Class and 2019 Graduation**

Location: Wunderbar Together PopUp Tour- 1125 Peachtree Street NE