

International Week-Logo

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NASWA Hosts International Workforce Development Week

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Over 35 countries from six continents, multiple U.S. state workforce agencies, and several national organizations represented

WASHINGTON – The National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) is hosting International Week that kicks off tomorrow and runs through Friday, November 8. International workforce development organizations and U.S. state workforce agencies will convene for focused discussions on the future of work and how technology impacts workforce development.

For the first time on this scale, world workforce development leaders are coming together in a weeklong event facilitated by NASWA. They will participate in workshops and individual sessions to discuss federal, state, and local challenges and opportunities emerging from global automation and the changing nature of work worldwide.

"NASWA is thrilled to host this week's events and facilitate some of these very important conversations," said Scott B. Sanders, NASWA Executive Director. "State, federal, and international policies are often quite different and, given the global nature of work, having these conversations is important to both job seekers and employers."

The first day of the convening will cover the future of work, automation and digitalization, apprenticeships and the management of labor market changes through local partnerships. The second day will focus on the changing nature of technology and its impact on public employment services, global technology trends, using technology to improve service delivery, data analysis, organizational management and collaboration, and worldwide talent matching.

NASWA anticipates continued coordination among key stakeholders in the United States and internationally to better align policy programs with the changing nature of work. State workforce agencies are at the forefront of supporting jobseekers and employers to reskill the workforce and locate talent needed to compete globally.

Organizations sponsoring the event are the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB), World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).