



Press Release

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Canadian Apprenticeship Forum and GAN Global Join Forces to Promote Apprenticeships Worldwide

The Global Apprenticeship Network (GAN) is pleased to announce its partnership with the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum (CAF-FCA). Committed to providing a forum for exchange of ideas, information, and resources, CAF-FCA brings together businesses, labour organizations, education providers, and government representatives to support apprenticeship training and skilled trades in Canada. As a country partner of GAN Global, CAF will have access to a worldwide network to share best practices and engage in dialogue with other organizations committed to promoting work-based learning (WBL).

GAN Global is an international network bringing together businesses, organizations, and governments to promote and support the expansion of quality apprenticeships worldwide as a means of equipping individuals with the skills needed to succeed in today's rapidly changing economy. In partnership with GAN Global, CAF-FCA seeks to better understand the application of other WBL and apprenticeship models in various countries. Exploring international examples and practices will encourage and inspire the Canadian apprenticeship community to push beyond current systems, processes, and politics to find new and better approaches to apprenticeship training.

“We are proud to partner with GAN and look forward to this unique collaboration to promote work-based learning. This important step will allow CAF-FCA to share and learn from international apprenticeship best practices to address skills gaps and ensure a robust pipeline of skilled trades talent for Canada.” France Daviault, CEO – Canadian Apprenticeship Forum

“Our mission is for all to have access to a quality work-based learning programme worldwide, and learning from the Canadian apprenticeship ecosystem is a significant part of that equation. Apprenticeship programs are one of the most powerful solutions to bridge the skill gap and increase employability for youth. It is beneficial for the apprentice, as well as employers, and preps the individual for long-term, meaningful employment. This partnership is an opportunity to drive positive change in the Canadian apprenticeship ecosystem,” added Kathryn Rowan, interim Executive Director, GAN Global and Vice President, Human Resources, Zone LATAM & Global Youth Lead, Nestlé.

Areas of partnership between CAF and GAN Global will include exchanging best practices and expertise on apprenticeship policy and practice, identifying opportunities to increase apprenticeship participation, and promoting the value of apprenticeship as a pathway to career success. By joining GAN, CAF-FCA is reinforcing its commitment to promoting and advancing apprenticeships in Canada and around the world.

About CAF

CAF-FCA is a Canadian non-profit organization that collaborates with employers, unions, equity-seeking groups, education institutions, and the jurisdictions to develop a highly skilled and inclusive workforce through innovative apprenticeship systems and policies. As the only Canadian organization that brings multi-sector apprenticeship stakeholders from around the country, CAF serves as a national voice for the apprenticeship community, influencing the industry through research, discussion, and collaboration. CAF also aims to eliminate the educational and employment gap, especially between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians, and to ensure equitable access to jobs, training, and education opportunities within the skilled trades in the country.

About GAN Global

GAN's vision is a future of work that is open to all based on equipping individuals and organizations with the skills they need for prosperity. Its core focus is work-based learning, invaluable for companies and communities alike as it aligns workforce skills with labour market demands to ensure both business and people thrive in a world of transformation. GAN drives action by advocating for work-based learning, sharing member company best practices, and implementing projects on a global and local level through a multi-stakeholder approach involving both the private sector and policymakers.

The GAN has established networks in several countries across the globe. While GAN Global is a strategic platform, GAN Networks through their local and regional activities are the on-the-ground country mechanisms to promote work-based learning programmes, including apprenticeships. Their fundamental role is to provide a foundation for work-based learning strategies and practical concepts that are adapted to the unique national context.