

Invitation

Private Sector Involvement in International Skill Development

As we expand our ties with the private sector and our international footprint, SkillSonics cordially invites you to meet its partners and leadership team. Our special guest, **Eugeniu Osmochescu, Senior Private Sector Specialist, International Finance Corporation IFC**, will introduce us to the IFC program in support of the Western Balkans' manufacturing value chains which is backed by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO.

Thursday, 23 January 2020, 3:00 pm

Mechatronics School Winterthur, Zeughausstrasse 56, 8400 Winterthur

- 3:00 pm Registration
- 3:30 pm Welcome and Introduction
- 3:40 pm The Role of the Private Sector and SkillSonics in Skills Development in India and South Africa
Prasenjit Kundu (CEO SkillSonics India Pvt. Ltd.)
Ken Duncan (CEO SkillSonics South Africa Pty. Ltd.)
- 4:20 pm Coffee Break
- 4:45 pm Light Manufacturing Jobs & Competitiveness in the Western Balkans
(Eugeniu Osmochescu, Senior Private Sector Specialist, IFC)
- 5:30 pm Discussion
- 6:30 pm Cocktails

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Companies and economies worldwide struggle with the consequences of a mismatch between training and labor market requirements. They suffer from a poorly trained workers, high unemployment rates and gaining a foothold in value chains.

Switzerland's public-private partnership for vocational and professional education and training (VPET) is a key factor for the country's economic success and low unemployment. It leads to labour market relevant skills and recognized qualifications. The system's success depends heavily on the involvement of private labor market organisations and companies. The event will shed light on how SkillSonics successfully addresses these challenges based on Swiss methodologies and IFC's plans in vocational training for the Western Balkans.

SkillSonics was formed as a social enterprise in 2011 to expand the Swiss Vocational Education and Training Initiative India which was supported by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI. Today, the company works in partnership with reputed global companies and SMEs, mainly in India and South Africa.