

**CSLS Roundtable on Creating a More Efficient Labour Market in Canada  
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**Participants' Discussion**

**Closing session Arthur Kroeger**

Moderator: Thank you Arthur for those excellent comments. That was really very good. If there's any just general comments now and then I'll close. We've been very efficient today and every session has ended before time so we're going to do the same for this one. But I did plan a little extra time. If there's anyone wants to make some general comments on today's sessions.

**Unidentified Female Speaker:**

Andrew, just on behalf of all of us from HRDC, I want to say thank you to the Centre for today's session. I only had the opportunity to participate this afternoon but it was an incredibly rich discussion and I think it underlined for us the kinds of challenges that are there with respect to the skills and learning agenda and I think more importantly it's a microcosm of the kind of discussion that we're going to have to have across the country over and over again because there are so many players involved in this very large agenda and I think the opportunity to have this kind of exchange is really excellent so I thank you for your contribution to the day, it was terrific.

Moderator: Okay, thank you. Any other general comments on today's activities? Okay. Well I'd like to thank Human Resource Development Canada for this exercise. We only started - we got the go ahead literally on January 29<sup>th</sup> to go ahead with this event so I appreciate for everyone coming at relatively short notice. Again, as I mentioned last night, the key for me has been really the commitment of the department. I've been involved in several consultations in the past and never have I seen such a commitment from all levels of Human Resource Development Canada or any department to this exercise. So really I think it was reflected last night in the minister's speech as you pointed out Arthur, it's reflected in the attendance today of senior officials from the department. So I think really this could make a difference for Canadians in the future. So again, I'd like to close this event and thank you all for attending.