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# BC Trades Education for International Students

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# Discussion Topics

1. Importance of international trades training
2. ITA's role in international trades training
3. Recap of past initiative & lessons learned
4. Recommendations for potential future initiatives

# Importance of International Trades Training

- Part of **BC Jobs Plan** and **Skills for Jobs Blueprint**
- Enable refugees and other new British Columbians find employment once certification is awarded
- A way to help ensure BC can meet its current and future labour market needs

# ITA's Role

1. Setting standards
2. Quality assurance / assessment of learning
3. Issuing credentials

# Recap of past initiative - Jamaica

In 2008, ITA pursued a short-lived joint initiative with Jamaica to award Red Seal credentials before potential workers were recruited for jobs in Canada. Key findings:

- Insufficient research regarding magnitude of opportunity
- Inadequate planning between the two jurisdictions
- Poor alignment between training systems
- Unsustainable resource requirements in both jurisdictions

# Recommendations for Future Initiatives

1. Involve all system partners from both jurisdictions early, including training providers, apprenticeship system administrators, and potential employers
2. Ensure proper research to identify magnitude of opportunity that will result in sustainability in terms of resources (financial, human, technological, etc)
3. Ensure training systems have sufficient similarities



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