



**Losing Our Edge:  
Are American Students Unprepared for the Global Economy?**

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This session will address the major technological, economic, and demographic changes which have ignited a call to increase America's competitiveness. If America is to maintain its ability to compete in the global economy, it must ensure that all students graduate prepared to meet the fast-growing demand for high-level skills. Bob Wise, former governor of West Virginia, will provide assessment data used to evaluate education systems across the globe and share strategies for using this information to shape American education policy so that our students graduate ready to compete, thrive, and lead in the twenty-first-century global economy.