

BC Business Events

Date	Event	Time	Location	Description
Monday, Feb. 8				
Monday, Feb. 8	DigiBC	11am-2:30pm	BC Showcase	Working with the BC International Media Centre, this is a preview event for reporters and media to learn about British Columbia's digital media sector. An informal buffet style luncheon will be served.
Tuesday, Feb. 9				
Tuesday, Feb. 9	Celebration of Leadership in Olympic Sustainability	5pm-8pm	BC Showcase	The Canada Green Building Council will be hosting a reception event at the BC Showcase. This will precede a press conference and awards ceremony at the BC International Media Centre. Estimated attendance is 150- 200 people. The mayor of Vancouver, Richmond and Whistler are expected to attend. The event will be celebrate the 30 Olympic buildings being certified under LEED Canada. It will also showcase BC as a leader in the green building sector.
Wednesday, Feb. 10				
Wednesday, Feb. 10	Sport Tourism Media	10:30am-12:30pm	BC Showcase	<p>The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, in conjunction with the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, will host a Sport Tourism Media/Industry event. It will showcase BC's world-class sport facilities, people and the communities who have played a key role in the development of BC's sport tourism network.</p> <p>This networking event will focus on sport tourism including interactions with previous Olympic athletes, sports related media stories and audio visual presentations of sport facilities across BC. Representatives from a number of communities will be present. The primary audience of the event is the unaccredited media. This event will highlight BC as a premier destination for hosting training teams and major international and domestic sporting events.</p>
Wednesday, Feb. 10	Ministry of Agriculture	3:30pm-5:30pm	BC Showcase	This networking event will focus on sport tourism including interactions with previous Olympic athletes, sports related media stories and audio visual presentations of sport facilities across BC. Representatives from a number of communities will be present. The primary audience of the event is the unaccredited media. This event will highlight BC as a premier destination for hosting training teams and major international and domestic sporting events.
Wednesday, Feb. 10	Welcome the World	6pm-10pm	BC Showcase	This event will include programming on the stage, ice rink, plaza level performers and the full Ignite the Dream show launched by the Premier, hosted by the Minister and followed by a small reception in the BC Showcase.
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	BUS Seminars - BUS climate, Living and working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	<p>Three separate one-hour seminars, repeated daily.</p> <p>Potential investors will be provided with all the information they need on the BC investment climate and competitive advantages.</p> <p>Visitors who may be interested in immigrating to BC will be provided with all the reasons BC is a great place to live and work .</p> <p>Potential international students will have the opportunity to find out more about BC's world class education system and its institutions.</p>
	Vancouver Island Economic Development	4pm-6pm	BC Showcase	Business development and media event focusing on Vancouver Island/Sunshine Coast based agrifood, aquaculture and tourism sectors. This will be a high profile event featuring well known personalities. The goal of the event is to increase awareness and build positive economic development and tourism outcomes for the Vancouver Island region.
Friday, Feb. 12				
Friday, Feb. 12	Young Presidents' Organization Lunch	4pm-9pm	Terminal City Club	B2B Networking Event hosted by YP
Friday, Feb. 12	BUS Seminars - BUS climate, Living and working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to Febuary 11
Friday, Feb. 12	Celebration Night	7pm-1am	BCCP (VAG)	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Celebrating the Games and BC athlete successes o Making Business Connections o Growing local companies profile's o Promotion of British Columbia to an international audience
Saturday, Feb. 13				
Saturday, Feb. 13	Francophonie Reception	7:30am-10am	Terminal City Club	Reception Celebrating Francophone Day at 2010
Saturday, Feb 13	UK/BC- Major Sporting Event Suppliers	8:30am-10:30am	BC Showcase	The United Kingdom and British Columbia are co-hosting this forum designed to bring together businesses that supply and service international major sporting events. Guests will have a unique opportunity to explore corporate partnerships and alliances with the potential to improve their competitiveness in various markets. The presence of future event hosts and bid organizations will provide an opportunity to develop relationships, provide learning opportunities and gather information on prospective business development opportunities.
Saturday, Feb 13	SDECB Francophonie Reception	2pm-4pm	BC Showcase	The Societe de development Economique Colombie-Britannique is hosting an event to celebrate the Francophonie business community. This reception will offer French-Canadian companies an opportunity to mingle with representatives from other francophone countries including French, Swiss and Belgian delegates. 60-70 attendees are expected for this event.

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Saturday, Feb 13	BC Product Stewardship Event	6p-10p	BCCP (VAG)	Keynote speaker followed by networking reception to showcase leading-edge stewardship programs in BC to an international audience
Sunday, Feb.14				
Sunday, Feb.14	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to Febuary 11
Sunday, Feb.14	Signature Event	7pm-1am	BCCP (VAG)	Celebrating BC Day at 2010
Monday, Feb. 15				
Monday, Feb. 15	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to Febuary 11
Monday, Feb. 15	BC Showcase for Climate Change Solutions	4pm-6pm	Terminal City Club	<p>Event focused on BC's Green Economy.</p> <p>EMPR-led event with external partners: IPP, BC Transmission Corporation, BC Hydro, Clean Tech CEOs, Bio-Mass CEOs, Natural Gas Technology CEOs. 300 people expected. Invites from Premier's office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Showcasing BC's Expertise and Innovations o Gathering of influential world Climate change leaders o Making Business Connections o Growing local companies profile's o Validation of BC policies o Promotion of carbon tax and cap and trade <p>Prime Minister of Sweden (to be invited)</p>
Monday, Feb. 15	Pacific Gateway Evening Reception	6pm-10pm	BCCP (VAG)	<p>BC as Canada's Pacific Gateway - Transportation focus</p> <p>Focus: Gateway & Airlines</p> <p>- key airlines, promoting opportunities for expansion of service, unique partnerships & initiatives to generate new business and communicate progress of transportation sector; Qualifier: meets objective of supporting business interest in a key sector, product export, and is a BC sector association</p>
Tuesday, Feb. 16				
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to Febuary 11

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Tuesday Feb 16	UKTI/BC Host 2 Host Networking	7:00p-10:00p	BC Showcase	Celebration of the Host 2 Host agreement, initiated by the UK and signed by British Columbia, to bring together host governments of major international events such as the Olympic Games, Football World Cup, Commonwealth Games, Pan-Am Games, Rugby World Cup and others. This is a unique opportunity for senior representatives of host governments and organizing committees to meet with the goal of sharing information that will assist in obtaining the greatest possible long-term benefits from the hosting role.
Tuesday, Feb. 16	BC Theme Night: Tourism	7pm-1am	BCCP (VAG)	<p>BC Tourism Reception</p> <p>Hosted event at British Columbia Canada Pavilion to further new and existing relationships with international media and other key tourism contacts (NOCs, Sport Federations, Olympic sponsors) that will help maximize industry-related opportunities.</p> <p>A strategic tourism event at the BC Canada Pavilion provides a unique opportunity to reinforce these positive relationships, and to further profile British Columbia as a preferred travel destination.</p> <p>MTCA is working with the Aboriginal Tourism Association of BC, Four Host First Nations to ensure Aboriginal tourism is a featured component.</p>
Wednesday, Feb. 17				
Wednesday Feb 17	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to Febuary 11
Thursday, Feb. 18				
Thursday, Feb. 18,	Okanagan Regional Event	3:30P-5:30P	BC Showcase	The Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission (COEDC) in partnership with the Okanagan Valley Economic Development Society (OVEDS) will host this event to raise the profile of, and develop contacts for, Okanagan Valley companies in Artisan Agriculture (including Wine) Technology, ICT, and Clean Technology. The target audience is Media, corporate Olympic visitors and federal and provincial trade and investment partners.
Thursday ,Feb. 18	BC Theme Event - Education	12pm-3pm	BCCP (VAG)	<p>Special Event Focusing on BC's Education Sector</p> <p>Event for those in the education sector to make business connections and promote BC to an international audience.</p>
Thursday, Feb. 18	BC Theme Event - Natural Resources	7pm-10pm	BCCP (VAG)	<p>Reception focused on BC's Natural Resource Sectors</p> <p>An event to profile natural resources sector and companies in BC and encourage business connections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Making Business Connections o Growing local companies profile's o Promotion of British Columbia to an international audience

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Thursday, Feb. 18	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to February 11
Friday, Feb. 19				
Friday, Feb. 19	2010 Legacies Now Reception	9am-12pm	Terminal City Club	Event Hosted by 2010 Legacies Now
Friday, Feb. 19	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to February 11
Friday, Feb. 19	Aboriginal Tourism of BC	12pm-2pm	BC Showcase	An industry-led event developed by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Arts and the Aboriginal Tourism Association, this event will be an interactive showcase of Aboriginal art, culture, food and dance. The event is targeted toward unaccredited media and international business visitors and will immerse the clients in a truly Aboriginal experience. The event promises to be intimate as it will allow media and guests to wander around the BC Showcase at their leisure to experience firsthand the spirit of Aboriginal Tourism in BC.
Saturday, Feb. 20				
Saturday, Feb. 20	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to February 11
Saturday, Feb. 20	Multicultural Showcase	12pm-5pm	BC Showcase	The Ministry of Citizen's Services in partnership with the federal government are holding an afternoon at the BC Showcase to honour recipients of the Nesika Awards, and to present a Canadian Citizenship ceremony. Also highlighted will be ten musical artists selected to participate in Make a Case Against Racism, a music program for school grades four through seven. This is a joint program between Music BC and Citizen's Services.
Saturday, Feb. 20	Celebration Night	7pm-1am	BCCP (VAG)	Networking Reception o Celebrating the Games and BC athlete successes o Making Business Connections o Promotion of British Columbia to an international audience
Sunday, Feb.21				
Sunday, Feb. 21	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to February 11

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Sunday, Feb. 21	BC Technology – Driving Value and International Financial Partnerships	7:30pm-10pm	BC Showcase	The BC Renaissance Fund in collaboration with Arch Ventures will be hosting a stand up reception on both sides of the BC Showcase for venture firms in BC, entrepreneurs and international investors. The estimated attendance is 150-200 people. International visitors in the Venture Capital sector are of interest.
Monday, Feb. 22				
Monday, Feb. 22	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to February 11
Monday Feb 22	International Financial Centre	7:30P-10:00P	BC Showcase	Vancouver is one of only a handful of International Financial Centres. This event will celebrate BC's roles as an IFC and promoting the opportunity for international financial institutions to establish operations in BC using IFC legislation.
Monday Feb 22	City of Surrey Mayor's Reception	7pm-9pm	BCCP (VAG)	City of Surrey Reception Business development reception to raise the profile of Surrey's attractiveness as a destination to do business and invest.
Tuesday, Feb. 23				
Tuesday, Feb. 23	BC/Krasnodar Protocol signing	9am-12pm	BC Showcase	British Columbia and Krasnodar are planning to sign a Protocol of Intent (POI) during the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver. This POI will allow for greater cooperation between businesses in British Columbia and Krasnodar with the intention of sharing Olympic Games related knowledge and expertise as well as facilitating opportunities for British Columbia businesses relation to the 2014 Games in Sochi. This event should also provide companies with an interest in doing business in Sochi and Krasnodar with key contacts who will be in Vancouver at this time.
Tuesday, Feb. 23	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to February 11
Tuesday, Feb. 23	Forestry Innovation Reception	5pm-9pm	BCCP (VAG)	Reception Featuring BC's Innovative Forestry Sector Focus - business development through profiling BC forest and building sectors • Qualifier: supports business interest in a key BC sector
Tuesday, Feb. 23	Northern BC Reception	7pm-11pm	BC Showcase	This reception is organized by Initiatives Prince George and will feature the unique business environment of British Columbia's Northern Communities including natural resources, education, tourism, transportation, and trade and investment opportunities. This event is targeted at media and International guests with an interest in Northern British Columbia.
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Wednesday, Feb. 24	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to February 11
Wednesday, Feb. 24	BCTIA Luncheon	11:30am-1:30pm	Terminal City Club	<p>Networking Reception Featuring BC's Technology Industry</p> <p>Partners include VEDC and BCIC (Vancouver will be bringing their wave of international guests – about 20 in the digital media sector)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~300 domestic invites, to be sent out by 16 December • Looking at about 200 guests – 120 technology leaders from BC (clean tech, digital media, ICT, life sciences, etc.) + 80 international (from Vancouver, our VIP program, sponsors, etc.) • International invites to be submitted by STED and VEDC • Focus: Mainly a networking event – but would like to invite the Premier to say a few words of welcome
Wednesday, Feb. 24	BC Hydrogen Highway	3:30pm-6:30pm	BC Showcase	The purpose of this event is to profile British Columbia's innovative hydrogen and fuel cell sector. This networking reception will bring together media, industry participants and interested international visitors. Event objectives include: increased direct/indirect investment in the BC Hydrogen and fuel cell industry; increased interest in export opportunities, supply relationships, partnerships, strategic alliances; increased stakeholder relations; and enhanced media coverage of the sector.
Wednesday, Feb. 24	Business Club Australia/BC Networking	7pm-10pm	BC Showcase	Austrade, through its Business Club Australia and the BC Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, as Olympic host government organizations are working together to connect and foster economic development between Australian and Canadian companies. This networking reception, complete with digital presentations, authentic Australian cuisine and ambient music is will be an excellent platform for economic development as it will provide a conducive environment for Australian and BC companies to connect and foster relationships that will last well beyond the Games.
Wednesday, Feb. 24	BC Hydrogen Highway	6:30pm-8:30pm	BCCP (VAG)	<p>Reception Featuring BC's Hydrogen Highway</p> <p>This hydrogen and fuel cell industry celebration event will include Hydrogen Highway and Canadian Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association members as well as dignitaries, VANOC sponsors, government representatives and visiting business delegates.</p>
Thursday, Feb. 25				
Thursday, Feb. 25	DIGI BC	8:30am-5:30pm	BC Showcase	DIGIBC , British Columbia's digital media industry association, will be hosting an all-day event at the BC Showcase that will show off the creativity and innovation of BC companies. More than 200 attendees are expected including members of the wireless and technology sectors in BC, international visitors and media.
Thursday, Feb. 25	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to February 11

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				VIP Reception for Companies in Digital Media and Wireless.
Thursday, Feb. 25	DIGI BC Reception	6pm-9pm	BCCP (VAG)	Event to showcase BC digital technologies to potential international investors
Thursday, Feb. 25	Celebration Night	8pm-1am	BC Showcase	Networking Reception
Thursday, Feb. 25	2010 Business Forum Young Presidents' Organization	6pm-8pm	Terminal City Club	<p>B2B Networking Hosted by BC and the YPO</p> <p>The 2010 Business Forum provides a marquee opportunity to network with prominent athletes, senior business leaders, key innovators and policy makers in British Columbia and Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This event is co-hosted by Premier Campbell and Kevin Mahon
Friday, Feb. 26				
Friday, Feb. 26	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to February 11
Friday, Feb. 26	Sport Innovation	9am-1pm	BC Showcase	A showcase of British Columbia sport technology and innovations that improve human performance, and promote sport excellence, health and wellness. This event will include information on B.C.'s sport research and commercialization infrastructure. The objective is to develop and improve awareness and recognition of BC expertise in technologies related to sport performance. Organizations in the sports performance, sports technology, technical clothing and sporting goods industries will find this of interest.
Friday, Feb.26	Film Production MPPIA	3:30pm-5:30pm	BC Showcase	British Columbia's Motion Picture Production Industry Association will be hosting an event to showcase the unique skills and abilities of British Columbia, North America's third largest film & TV production location.
Friday Feb 26	Life Sciences Reception	6pm-10pm	Terminal City Club	<p>Networking event BC Life Sciences sector</p> <p>High profile event (gala reception) at TCC.</p> <p>The reception will cap off a day of programming at UBC focused on "The Impact of Science & Innovation in the Evolving Global Health Paradigm: HIV and AIDS – A Global Challenge of Olympic Proportions".</p> <p>Other Life Science activities include: Site tours Possible smaller sub-events showcasing technologies Link to Venture Capital program</p>

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Friday, Feb. 26	BC Film Commission Reception	7pm-10pm	BCCP (VAG)	<p>Reception showcasing BC Film & TV sectors</p> <p>This is a business development, industry, government, and media relations event. Participants will include significant VIPs relevant to the further development of BC's film and television industry. These VIPs are very important customers of the province and their continued confidence in the industry is critical.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event provides an opportunity to both globally demonstrate the province's sophistication in this sector, as well as to provide a networking opportunity for BC companies to engage with their international counterparts. Such opportunities are very rare for small and medium sized BC companies and it is in BC's best interest to support.
Saturday, Feb. 27				
Saturday, Feb. 27	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to February 11
Saturday, Feb. 27	Celebration Night	8pm-1am	BC Showcase	<p>Networking Reception</p> <p>M bronze hockey, M bronze/gold curling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Celebrating the Games and BC athlete successes o Making Business Connections o Growing local companies profile's o Promotion of British Columbia to an international audience
Sunday, Feb. 28				
Sunday, Feb. 28	Business Seminars- Business Climate, Living and Working in BC, Study in BC	9am-12pm	Asia Pacific Business Centre	Refer to February 11
Sunday, Feb. 28	Celebration Night	7pm-1am	BCCP (VAG)	<p>Closing Ceremonies Celebration</p> <p>closing ceremonies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Celebrating the Games and BC athlete successes o Making Business Connections o Growing local companies profile's o Promotion of British Columbia to an international audience