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Digital Skills Needed for North America's Economic Future

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At the Exceptional Women Alliance (EWA), we celebrate the visionary women driving innovation across industries. This month, Shannon Leininger, President of Cisco Canada, highlights the need for continual upskilling in today's evolving digital landscape. While Canada and the U.S. lead in digital readiness, gaps in equity and inclusion persist. Leininger calls for public-private collaboration and investment in digital skills, especially as AI transforms the job market. She emphasizes Cisco's initiatives, like the AI-Enabled ICT Workforce Consortium and Networking Academy, which equip millions with critical skills. Leininger advises businesses to focus on areas like cybersecurity, network automation, and AI to future-proof their workforce.

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