



MAKING THE UNITED NATIONS FIT FOR PURPOSE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

UNAA NSW CONFERENCE 2016, 22-23 July
Customs House, Alfred Street, Circular Quay, Sydney

The New South Wales Division of the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) invites you to be part of its 2016 Conference

The UN is the only truly international organisation dedicated to addressing ‘Problems without Passports.’ Recently the UN has won some notable victories with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. To play a leading role in meeting the challenges of the 21st Century the UN needs to continue its on-going processes of reform in a number of key areas.

FOCUS QUESTIONS:

- How does the UN system promote the common good and the rule of law globally?
- What are the UN’s recent achievements and how can the International community most effectively capitalise on them?
- What aspects of the United Nation system need reform and how can this occur?
- How can Australia play a positive role in its engagement with the UN?

TOPICS:

- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Human rights at home and abroad
- Peace operations (post-high level panel)
- Humanitarian overstretch (post-World Humanitarian Summit)
- Climate change (post COP 21)
- The nuclear threat and the Humanitarian Impact Initiative
- Protection of civilians (R2P to PoC)
- Global public health (WHO post ebola)
- Terrorism and countering violent extremism
- Syria five years on
- UN reform and global democracy
- Women, peace and security
- Sport and human rights

MC:

- [Murray Bunton](#) – Founder and Executive Director of Agency, Sydney Office.

SPEAKERS:

- [Prof Gillian Triggs](#) – President of the Australian Human Rights Commission since 2012, and formerly Dean of the Faculty of Law and Challis Professor of International Law, Sydney University.
- [Robert Tickner](#) – recently retired as the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Red Cross (2005-2015), and a former Australian Labor Party Cabinet Minister.
- [Pera Wells](#) – Secretary General of WFUNA (2006-2009), and former Australian diplomat who worked on human rights issues at the United Nations in Geneva and New York.
- [Dr Camilla Schippa](#) – Director of the Institute for Economics and Peace and previously has worked in various UN institutions and for a number of NGOs and foundations.
- [Christopher Woodthorpe](#) – Director of the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), Canberra.
- [Assoc Prof Luis Cabrera](#) – Associate Professor Griffith Business School, Brisbane. Member of the Centre for Global Governance and Public Policy, Griffith University.
- [Dr Sue Wareham OAM](#) (ICAN) – Board member of ICAN Australia, Vice-President of MAPW and has played an active part in the peace and anti-nuclear movement since the 1980s.
- [Prof Steven Freeland](#) – Professor of International Law at UWS, at Copenhagen and Vienna universities.
- [Assoc Prof Adam Kamradt-Scott](#) – Health Security at the Centre for International Security, Sydney University.
- [Andrew Petersen](#) – CEO for Sustainable Business Australia.
- [Major General \(ret'd\) Tim Ford](#) – served as Military Adviser to the UN Security Council from 2000 to 2002 and UN Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) Head of Mission (1998-2000).
- [Prof Megan Davis](#) – Professor of Law at the University of New South Wales and Chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum of Indigenous People.
- [Lisa Sharland](#) – Senior Policy Analyst at the Australia Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) and former Defence Policy Adviser at the Permanent Mission of Australia to the UN in New York.
- [Prof Chris Hamer](#) – Chairperson for the Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance (IGPSG) and founder of the World Citizen's Association of Australia (WCAA).
- [Christopher Michaelsen](#) – Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law and a member of the Australian Human Rights Centre
- [Jamie Isbister](#) – Assistant Director-General Africa and Middle East at AusAID.
- [John Hallam](#) (Human Survival Project), [Liesl Tesch & Hannah Davis](#) (Sports Matters), and more.

WHERE:

Customs House, Circular Quay, Sydney

WHEN:

Friday 22nd July – 9:00 am – 5:15 pm

Saturday 23rd July – 9:00 am – 5:15 pm

REGISTRATION:

www.trybooking.com/KYQF

COST:

- UNAA members: \$190 two days, \$100 daily
- Non-members: \$240 two days, \$125 daily
- Concession & students: \$120 two days, \$60 daily

RECEPTION (Paragon Hotel):

Friday 22nd July 5:30-7:30 pm

Cost: \$45 – includes drinks and canapés

Note: this is an additional cost to the conference.



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