



# ACFID NATIONAL CONFERENCE

30-31 October 2018 | John Niland Scientia, UNSW Sydney

Human Rights in the 21st Century *People. Planet. Peace.*

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## Human rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### People | Planet | Peace

For more detailed information on the conference theme and how the speakers and sessions relate, please see our conference concept note

### PRE-CONFERENCE RECEPTION: MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**5:30pm – 9:00pm - The Whitehouse, UNSW – Drinks & nibbles on arrival**

Join the RDI Network and the UNSW Institute for Global Development for an evening of cross-sector networking on 29 October, as we gear up for Conference. Enjoy drinks and nibbles with peer researchers and practitioners from across the international development sector, building your networks and exploring potential collaborations. The event is free to attend and open to ACFID Conference delegates, as well as members of the RDI Network and the broader international development community. Registration is not required.

### CONFERENCE DAY 1: TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018

<b>8:15 – 9:00</b>	<i>Registration for Conference and AGM – UNSW Scientia Building Foyer</i>
<b>9:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>ACFID Council Annual General Meeting – UNSW Scientia Building, Tyree Room</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<i>Break – Morning Tea Served in the exhibition hall, UNSW Scientia Building</i>
<b>11:30 – 11:45</b>	<b>Welcome to Country - Dr Peter McKenzie</b> <i>UNSW Scientia Building, Leighton Hall</i>
<b>11:45 – 11:50</b>	<b>Welcome – ACFID President Susan Pascoe AM</b> <i>UNSW Scientia Building, Leighton Hall</i>
<b>11:50 – 12:00</b>	<b>Welcome Address from our Platinum Sponsor – Australian Ethical Super</b> <i>UNSW Scientia Building, Leighton Hall</i>
<b>12:00 – 12:20</b>	<b>Opening Keynote</b> <u>Rosalind Croucher, President Australian Human Rights Commission</u> <i>Human rights – What are they and why do they matter? Join us as we explore reflections on the current situation in the world, how Australia projects itself through our seat on the Human Rights Council, and what this means to our sector.</i> <i>UNSW Scientia Building, Leighton Hall</i>

12:20 – 13:10	<p><b>International Keynote:</b>  <u>Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini</u>  Executive Director - International Civil Society Action Network  <i>The significance of peacebuilding for international development and should development and humanitarian NGOs be working more actively in this area to promote human rights? How is the shrinking of civil society space impacting on the enjoyment of human rights and the work of human rights defenders?</i>  UNSW Scientia Building, Leighton Hall</p>
13:10 – 14:00	<p><i>Lunch and Networking</i>  Served in the exhibition hall, UNSW Scientia Building</p>
14:00 – 14:20	<p><b>Address:</b> Assistant Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Anne Ruston</p>
14:20 – 15:20	<p><b>Panel:</b> Are human rights under attack and do we have an obligation to uphold them?  <i>Rights-based approaches are now part of development orthodoxy, with empowerment at the front and centre of programs that address the intersections of marginalization and disadvantage. But does this go far enough in a rapidly changing global context of shrinking civil society space, climate change, rising inequality and the challenges of mass migration?</i>  <i>This panel will unpack what we really mean when we talk of the indivisibility of human rights and the contemporary ramifications when some rights are prioritised at the expense of others? What are the people we serve saying about where they think our priorities should lie? What are the key challenges we must address to remain relevant?</i></p> <p>Chair: Scott Stephens, ABC  Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elaine Pearson, Australia Director Human Rights Watch</li> <li>• Tasneem Chopra, Chair Australian Muslim Women’s Centre for Human Rights</li> <li>• Savina Nongebatu, Deputy CEO Pacific Disability Forum</li> <li>• Matthew Maury, CEO TEAR Australia</li> </ul> <p>UNSW Scientia Building, Leighton Hall</p>
15:25 – 15:45	<p><b>Address:</b> Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Richard Di Natale</p>
15:45 – 15:50	<p><b>Day One Close</b> – ACFID CEO Marc Purcell</p>
15:50 – 16:20	<p><i>Break - Afternoon Tea</i></p>
16:20	<p><b>Move back into Leighton Hall</b></p>
16:30 – 17:30	<p><b>International Keynotes</b>  “In conversation with Nobel Laureate Jose Ramos Horta and Prof Funmi Olonisakin, Kings College London”  UNSW Scientia Building, Leighton Hall</p>
17:45 – 18:50	<p><b>Pre-Dinner Drinks</b>  Brought to you by our Gold Sponsors, the Delegation of the European Union to Australia  <b>Address:</b> EU Ambassador Michael Pulch  UNSW Scientia Building, Tyree Room</p>

<b>19:00 – 23:00</b>	<p><b>Special Evening Event and Dinner – <i>The Roundhouse UNSW</i></b></p> <p>Brought to you by our Platinum Sponsor Australian Ethical Superannuation</p> <p><b>“The creative promotion of Human Rights”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immerse yourself in film, music and photography</li> <li>• Engage and network within the sector</li> <li>• Celebrate the achievements of the year</li> <li>• Be inspired by ACFID Awardees</li> </ul> <p>Guest Speaker: Professor Larissa Behrendt – Director “After the Apology”  Guest Musician: Murray Kyle  Photography Exhibition</p>
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## CONFERENCE DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018

<b>7:00 – 8:30</b>	<p><b>Interfaith Breakfast</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast Keynote:</b> Colonel Geanette Seymour</p> <p><i>UNSW Scientia Building, Tyree Room</i></p>
<b>8:40 – 9:20</b>	<p><b>International Keynote:</b> Joan Carling, former Secretary-General of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) will be outlining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>her experience working on indigenous issues at the grassroots to international level and the critical issues around the intersection of human rights and sustainable development,</i></li> <li>• <i>struggle for land rights and the impacts of land rights violations on women,</i></li> <li>• <i>sustainable development and the environment; and Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC).</i></li> </ul> <p><i>UNSW Scientia Building, Leighton Hall</i></p>
<b>9:20 – 10:20</b>	<p><b>Panel:</b> Interests, Values &amp; Influence: Development Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.  <i>An exploration of how the sector should respond to geopolitical change in the region and what effect this will have on human rights</i></p> <p>Chair: Dr Sarah Cook, UNSW  Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Amrita Malhi, ACFID</li> <li>• Professor John Blaxland, ANU</li> <li>• Dr. Denghua Zhang, ANU</li> </ul> <p><i>UNSW Scientia Building, Leighton Hall</i></p>
<b>10:20 – 10:45</b>	<p><i>Break Morning Tea</i></p>

10:45 – 12:15	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rights, revenues and repression</b> - Scientia Building. Tyree Room</li> <li>• <b>Building communities free from abuse</b> – Scientia Building Gallery 2</li> <li>• <b>Women's rights to health care access in PNG</b> - CIVENG 102</li> <li>• <b>Preventing sexual misconduct and safeguarding human rights</b> CIVENG101</li> <li>• <b>Gender Responsive Alternatives to Climate Change</b> - CIVENG Building G1</li> <li>• <b>No development without peace</b> – Scientia Building. Ritchie Theatre</li> </ul>
12:15 – 1:10	Lunch
13:10 – 14:40	<p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rights-based approaches in development</b> - Scientia Building Gallery 2</li> <li>• <b>Gender justice: going beyond the household level towards societal change?</b> - CIVENG 101</li> <li>• <b>Exploring the intersection of emerging technologies and humanity</b> - CIVENG 102</li> <li>• <b>Shrinking Civil Society Space</b> - CIVENG Building G1</li> <li>• <b>Sea Change: human rights vs economic progress</b> - Scientia Building. Ritchie Theatre</li> <li>• <b>Young women as disruptors &amp; designers</b>- Scientia Building. Tyree Room</li> </ul>
14:40 – 15:10	Break – Afternoon Tea
15:10 – 15:30	<b>Address:</b> Shadow Minister International Development and the Pacific, Senator Claire Moore
15:30 – 16:00	<p><b>Keynote:</b>  Dr Robert Glasser, former Special Representative of the Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of the United Nations Office of Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR).  <i>Impacts for international development and humanitarian agencies on the waning respect for human rights and humanitarian principles.</i></p> <p>UNSW Scientia Building, Leighton Hall</p>
16:00 – 17:00	<p><b>Plenary Panel:</b> Human rights challenges in humanitarian response  <i>Human rights protection lies at the heart of humanitarian response as both conflicts and natural disasters generally result in, or are triggered by, human rights concerns. Panel members will reflect on the implications of these challenges for development and humanitarian community and will consider the successes and struggles of how to apply rights-based approaches to humanitarian practice.</i></p> <p>Chair –Beth Eggleston, Humanitarian Advisory Group</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morten Pedersen. UNSW</li> <li>• Sanam Naraghi-Anderlini, ED ICAN</li> <li>• Professor Jane McAdam, Director, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, UNSW</li> <li>• Habiburrahman, Australian Burmese Rohingya Organization</li> <li>• Dr Robert Glasser, ASPI, ANU</li> </ul> <p>UNSW Scientia Building, Leighton Hall</p>
17:00 – 17:10	<b>Conference Closing remarks</b> – ACFID President Susan Pascoe AM