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# RDI Conference 2017

**Partnering for Impact on Sustainable Development**

13-14 June 2017, The University of Sydney

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**DAY  
ONE**

## RDI Conference 2017

### Partnering for Impact on Sustainable Development

Tuesday 13 June

MC: Joel Negin, Head of the School of Public Health, University of Sydney

**08.15** Arrival and Registration

**09.00 Let's Collaborate**

Conference opening in Plenary

Prof Duncan Ivison, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), University of Sydney

Patrick Suckling, Ambassador for the Environment

**09.30 Keynote Address**

Helen Clark, former Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and former Prime Minister of New Zealand

**10.30** Morning Tea

**11.00 PARALLEL SESSION 1 - United we Stand: Solidarity & Measurable Impact**

Papers, workshops and panel presentations (See parallel sessions program)

**12.30** Lunch

**13.30 When the Rubber hits the Road: Practice principles for cross-sector collaboration**

Plenary Panel featuring:

- ◀ Dr Helen Szoke, CEO Oxfam Australia
- ◀ Prof Rebekah Brown, Director MSDI
- ◀ Ms Rosie Wheen, CE WaterAid Australia
- ◀ Marc Purcell, CEO ACFID (Chair)

**15.00** Afternoon tea

**15.30 PARALLEL SESSION 2 - Bending the Boundaries**

Papers, workshops and panel presentations (See parallel sessions program)

**17.00** End of Day 1 proceedings

**18.30 Welcome Dinner**

The Refectory, Holme Building, University of Sydney (Ticketed event)

Monica Barone, CEO City of Sydney

**Venue:** University of Sydney Business School, Abercrombie Building

DAY  
TWO

## RDI Conference 2017

### Partnering for Impact on Sustainable Development

Wednesday 14 June

MC: Sam Mostyn, President, ACFID

- 08.15** Arrival and Registration
- 08.40** **Welcome, Recap Day 1**  
Day 1 highlights and setting the scene
- 09.00** **The Great Development Debate**  
1. Collaboration: what is it good for?  
Chair: Joanna Pradela, ACFID  
2. Evidence, policy and practice – what is the role of social proof versus scientific proof?  
Chair: Andrew Newmarch, World Vision
- 10.30** Morning Tea
- 11.00** **PARALLEL SESSION 3 - Who's got the Answers?**  
**Solutions-based Approaches to Development**  
Papers, workshops and panel presentations (See parallel sessions program)
- 12.30** Lunch
- 13.30** **PARALLEL SESSION 4 - Show me the Innovation!**  
**New Approaches to Research Partnerships**  
Papers, workshops and panel presentations (See parallel sessions program)
- 15.00** Afternoon tea
- 15.30** **PARALLEL SESSION 5 - New Technologies: Friend or Foe?**  
Papers, workshops and panel presentations (See parallel sessions program)
- 17.00** **And they collaborated happily ever after...**  
Conference wrap-up  
Closing Cocktail Reception for all participants

**Venue:** University of Sydney Business School, Abercrombie Building



## PARALLEL SESSION 1:

Tuesday 13 June 11.00-12.30

# United we Stand: Solidarity & Measurable Impact

Functional partnership approaches that have built solidarity and led to measurable impact

### Papers (Session groupings feature 15min presentation per paper followed by discussion and Q&A)

#### **PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPROVED HEALTH OUTCOMES I [LT 1050] Chair: Juliet Willetts, University of Technology Sydney**

PP 1.1 Building public health research capacity to inform public health policy in Timor-Leste

*Peter McMinn University of Sydney and Luzia Freitas National Health Laboratory, Timor-Leste*

PP 1.2 Partnerships for self-determination: The Cuba-Timor health cooperation

*Tim Anderson, University of Sydney*

PP 1.3 The economic impact of child undernutrition in Papua New Guinea

*Majella Hurney, Jo Ryan, Save the Children Australia, Frontier Economics*

#### **PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPROVED HEALTH OUTCOMES II [LT 1060] Chair: Joel Negin, University of Sydney**

PP 1.4 Collective learning through partnerships that promote mental health and strengthen inclusion across contexts

*Helen Fernandes & Stephanie Cantrill, TEAR Australia*

PP 1.5 Reflecting on structural vulnerabilities and community resilience in Liberia's recent Ebola virus disease: Some lessons for Goal 16 of the SDGs

*Aime Saba, University of Sydney*

#### **PARTICIPATORY & COMMUNITY-LED PARTNERSHIPS [LT 1070] Chair: Tony Capon, University of Sydney**

PP 1.6 Partnerships for the sustainable intensification of farming systems in lowland Cambodia

*Daniel Tan et al, University of Sydney, Mean Chey University, CARDI*

PP 1.7 Local development partnerships: Theory to practice?

*Robyn Eversole, Swinburne University*

PP 1.8 How child and youth participation links to development effectiveness: findings from a three-year joint agency research project.

*Jackie Robertson, Manasi Kogekar, Keren Winterford, Anna Gero, Pratiksha Khanal, Sally Asker, University of Technology Sydney, Transform Aid International, ChildFund, United Mission to Nepal, InSIGHT Sustainability*

### Panels (1)

P 1.1 Critical reflections on the evolution of collective action for gender equality, policy and practice [LT 2140]

*Amanda Scothern et al, International Women's Development Agency and Oxfam Australia*

### Workshops (2)

W 1.1 Cross-sector collaboration: how to scale your impact without scaling your organisation [SR 2060]

*Laura Reed, Spark Strategy*

W 1.2 Beyond partnerships as a process: Designing research partnerships for impact and change [SR 2050]

*Keren Winterford, ISF, University of Technology Sydney*

### Roundtable (1)

R 1.1 The rise of a global nationalism: challenges for Australian NGOs and their partners [LT 1110]

*Patrick Kilby, Australian National University with Leadership of Australian INGOs – Archie Law, Helen Szoke, Paul Ronalds, Ross Piper, Sally Moyle*

## PARALLEL SESSION 2:

Tuesday 13 June 15.30-17.00

# Bending the Boundaries

Partnerships which have challenged traditional disciplinary boundaries with the purpose of surfacing opportunities for working together

### Papers (Session groupings feature 15min presentation per paper followed by discussion and Q&A)

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY & PROTECTION [LT 1050] Chair: Bill Pritchard, University of Sydney

PP 2.1 Private sector partnerships for climate change adaptation

*Anna Gero, University of Technology, Sydney*

PP 2.2 Agricultural research for development as a framework for transdisciplinary research and collaboration

*Elske van de Fliert, Oleg Nicetic, University of Queensland*

PP 2.3 The United Nations Guidelines on Consumer Protection and Sustainable Development

*Gail Pearson, University of Sydney*

#### NETWORKS & HUMAN-CENTRED APPROACHES [LT 1060] Chair: Steven Kaleb, DFAT

PP 2.4 The Aus-PNG Network and the importance of people-to-people links for development

*Anna Kirk, Aus-PNG Network, Lowy Institute*

PP 2.5 Alumni regional study tours tackling mining and sustainable development challenges

*Mzamose Gondwe, Richard Slattery, Robin Evans, University of Queensland, University of Western Australia*

PP 2.6 Understanding human dimensions of climate change in vulnerable communities to inform effective adaptation – insights from the Fiji Islands

*Shalini Lata, Fiji Government*

#### POLICIES, SYSTEMS & FRAMEWORKS [LT 1070] Chair: Nigel Spence, ChildFund

PP 2.7 Partnering for global change: An example of the Individual Deprivation Measure

*Kylie Fisk, Joanne Crawford, International Women's Development Agency*

PP 2.8 A Foreign Policy White Paper for the Sustainable Development Goals?

*Marc Purcell, ACFID*

PP 2.9 Engaging with churches and transforming faith-based systems in effectively addressing gender inequality and VAWG in Pacific contexts

*Bronwyn Fraser, UnitingWorld*

### Panels (2)

P 2.1 Partnerships which have challenged traditional disciplinary boundaries: Lessons learnt and opportunities for working together [LT 2140]

*Merrilyn Walton et al, University of Sydney*

P 2.2 Working in cross-discipline partnerships to address sustainable sanitation in the Pacific [LT 2150]

*Susan Engel, Jacqueline Thomas, Michael Poustie and Juliet Willets, University of Wollongong, University of Sydney, University of Technology Sydney, World Vision*

### Workshops (2)

W 2.1 Talkin' bout a Revolution: Are you joining the LGBTI research revolution? [SR 2060]

*Emily Dwyer, Edge Effect and Gillian Fletcher, La Trobe University*

W 2.2 Looking for change: Measuring impact in women's human rights partnerships, networks and coalitions [SR 2050]

*Lisa Vettori, International Women's Development Agency and Menka Goundan, Fiji Women's Rights Movement*

### Roundtables (1)

R 2.1 Delivering the promise of international agriculture and food and nutrition security development in the Anthropocene [SR 2020]

*Thomas Soem, Robyn Alders, Mike Nunn, Colin Chartres, Celia Grenning, Danna Cordall, Jeffrey Neilson - University of Sydney, ACIAR, Crawford Fund, Kyeema Foundation, University of Technology Sydney*

## PARALLEL SESSION 3:

Wednesday 14 June 11.00-12.30

# Who's got the Answers? Solutions-based Approaches to Development

Challenges associated with partnering for research for development impact, and solutions-based approaches to collaboration

### Papers (Session groupings feature 15min presentation per paper followed by discussion and Q&A)

#### **ETHICS & EQUITY IN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS [LT 1050] Chair: Bronwyn Fraser, UnitingWorld**

PP 3.1 Using ethics to strengthen a research for development project and partnership

*Lucy Carter et al, CSIRO*

PP 3.2 Building Equity and Embracing Risk for Innovative Partnerships

*Rachel Nunn, Oaktree*

PP 3.3 Creating impact through research partnerships in the Enterprise in WASH Initiative

*Juliet Willetts, Melita Grant, Anna Gero, Janina Murta, Tuyen Nghiem, Nurul Lindarti, Thanh Doan Trieu, University of Technology Sydney, Centre for National Resources and Environmental Studies, Vietnam National University, SNV – Netherlands*

#### **CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION [LT 1060] Chair: Tom Davis, DFAT**

PP 3.4 Partnering for SDGs and state civil disobedience: The case of Burundi and its donors

*Aime Saba, University of Sydney*

PP 3.5 The impact of participation in urban renewal projects on sustainability in Iran

*Naeimeh Assadpour, Gavin Melles, Swinburne University*

PP 3.6 Women and marginalised group inclusion in Pakistan smallholder agriculture

*Barbara Chambers, John Spriggs, Sandra Heaney-Mustafa, Sajida Taj, University of Canberra*

#### **PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION [LT 1070] Chair: Jane Hutchison, Murdoch University**

PP 3.7 Partnership between Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) and formal banks: Case study analysis of Cambodia and Australia

*Don Chandima Padmaperuma, University of Melbourne*

PP 3.8 Public Private Partnership an essential sustainability tool of the Sustainable Development Goals

*Ibrahim Umar, UN University Kuala Lumpur*

PP 3.9 The Pacific Private sector and its multiple roles in sustainable development

*Kristyn Lobendahn, PIPSO Fiji*

#### **HEALTH POLICIES, SYSTEMS AND STRATEGIES [LT 1170] Chair: Kathryn Elliott, DFAT**

PP 3.10 Strong government research partnerships are the key to forming new health adaptation to climate change policies in Tanzania

*Fatuma Matwewe, Ifakara Health Institute - Tanzania and Jacqueline Thomas, University of Sydney et al*

PP 3.11 Knowledge system in development planning: A case study of the health sector in Gunungkidul district, Indonesia

*Stephanie Short, University of Sydney and Farah Purwaningrum, University of Brunei Darussalam*

PP 3.12 Improving Semi-Urban Sanitation using community and school led strategies

*Hana Badando, San Beda College Manila*

### Panels (2)

P 3.1 Secure, safe, sustainable and ethical food systems [LT 2140]

*Robyn Alders et al, University of Sydney, University of Western Australia*

P 3.2 Promoting gender equality and addressing decent work and sustained economic growth in the global garment industry [LT 2150]

*Casey McCowan et al, Fred Hollows Foundations, Oxfam Australia, Marie Stopes International, Care Australia*

### Workshops (2)

W 3.1 Partnerships and reporting: The role of cross-sector collaborations to report on the SDGs [SR 2060]

*Joanna Pradela et al, ACFID, GCNA, SDSN*

W 3.2 Building transformative partnerships: Challenges and opportunities [SR 2050]

*Chris Roche, LaTrobe University, ACFID*

## PARALLEL SESSION 4:

Wednesday 14 June 13.30-15.00

# Show me the Innovation! New Approaches to Research Partnerships

Innovative approaches to research partnerships that have been facilitated & tested, including partnering with peer institutions & organisations

**Papers (Session groupings feature 15min presentation per paper followed by discussion and Q&A)**

### **MODELS & FRAMEWORKS FOR NEW RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS [LT 1170] Chair: Robyn Eversole, Swinburne University**

PP 4.1 Partnerships for evidence-informed child-centered development in Indonesia

*Paul Pronyk, Lauren Rumble, UNICEF Indonesia and Joel Negin, University of Sydney*

PP 4.2 Opportunities for improving collaboration and coordination in urban disaster settings

*David Sanderson, University of New South Wales*

PP 4.3 Assessing Research Impact: The Knowledge System and RAPID Framework

*Federico Davila, Tom Sloan, Andrew Alford, Lorrae van Kerkhoff, Sustineo, ACIAR, Australian National University*

### **PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPROVED PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES [LT 1050] Chair: Misha Coleman, GLHAM**

PP 4.4 Research Collaboration for Impact Evaluation: Gender and WASH study in Central Vietnam

*Caitlin Leahy, ISF-UTS and Lee Leong, Plan International Australia*

PP 4.5 Brick sector as a major contributor to air pollution in Dhaka

*Mahdi Hasan, University of Queensland*

### **NGO-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS [LT 1060] Chair: Chris Roche, La Trobe University**

PP 4.6 Partnering to Enhance Education for All Through Research Collaborations

*David Evans, Elga Andriana, Michelle Villeneuve, Cathy Little, Michelle Bonati, University of Sydney*

PP 4.7 Experience based 'dos and don'ts' for NGO and Academic research partnerships in development:

Lessons learned from a 3-year, multi country, joint agency research partnership

*Jackie Robertson, Keren Winterford, Anna Gero, Manasi Kogekar, Sally Asker, Transform Aid International, University of Technology Sydney, ChildFund Australia, InSIGHT Sustainability*

PP 4.8 The success of an NGO university partnership that develops sustainable engineering solutions with impact

*Peter Baynard-Smith, Engineers Without Borders Australia and Jeremy Smith, Australian National University*

### **PARTNERSHIPS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY [LT 1070] Chair: Michaela Cosijn, CSIRO**

PP 4.9 Human Capital Issues In George Town's Built Heritage: Voices From Partners In Urban Conservation

*Suet Leng Khoo, Universiti Sains Malaysia*

PP 4.10 Sustainable agricultural development in Samoa: Collaboration, coordination and solidarity

*Sonny Lameta, University of the South Pacific*

PP 4.11 Symbiotic environmental partnerships between NGOs and corporations in sustainable fisheries

*Annisa Sabrina Hartoto, University of Melbourne*

### **Panels (1)**

P 4.1 Achieving Sustainable Development Goals through multi-stakeholder partnerships: What role for universities? [LT 2140]

*Jane Fulton, Patricia Garcia, Aime Saba, University of Sydney*

### **Workshops (2)**

W 4.1 Designing effective and collaborative global sustainable development education programs [SR 2060]

*Julian O'Shea, Laika Academy*

W 4.2 Australian Red Cross Localisation Research in the Pacific: More than a definition [SR 2050]

*Louise McCosker, Australian Red Cross, Yaseen Ayobi, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership and Railala Nakabea, Fiji National University*

## PARALLEL SESSION 5:

Wednesday 14 June 15.30-17.00

# New Technologies: Friend or Foe?

Challenges and opportunities of new technologies in development research, evaluation, practice and partnerships

**Papers (Session groupings feature 15min presentation per paper followed by discussion and Q&A)**

### DEVELOPMENT GOING DIGITAL I [LT 1050] Chair: Stuart Higgins, AgImpact

PP 5.1 An assessment of the role of mobile phones in international development

*Petr Matous, Jacqueline Thomas, Abbas El-Zein, University of Sydney, Ifakara Health Institute - Tanzania*

PP 5.2 Digital agriculture for food and soil security

*Brett Whelan, University of Sydney*

PP 5.3 Leveraging research and development impact through mobile acquired data technology: Lessons from the field

*Jessica Hall, Agricultural Impact International (AgImpact)*

### DEVELOPMENT GOING DIGITAL II [LT 1060] Chair: Peter Baynard-Smith, EWB

PP 5.4 A collaboration effort to develop cost-effective digital maps of peatlands in Indonesia

*Budiman Minasny, Rudiyanto, Budi Indra Setiawan, University of Sydney, Institut Pertanian Bogor, Indonesia*

PP 5.5 Partnering for research for development impact: The story of innovation in agricultural systems in Indonesia

*Michaela Cosijn, Liana Williams, and Andrew Hall, CSIRO*

### USING EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT [LT 1070] Chair: Paul Pronyk, UNICEF

PP 5.6 National pathways to the Sustainable development Goals: State-of-the-art scenario modelling tools to support implementation

*Cameron Allen, Graciela Metternicht, University of New South Wales*

PP 5.7 The more the merrier? Science communication for sustainable development in the Malaysian palm oil industry

*Siti Rahyila Rahmat, Farah Purwaningrum, University of Science Malaysia, University of Brunei Darussalam*

PP 5.8 Re-imagining Pacific policing: A case for evaluating academic emphasis, mediums & boundaries to maximize stakeholder inclusion & developing countries' human resource capacity

*Danielle Watson, University of the South Pacific*

### HUMAN-CENTRED APPROACHES TO DEVELOPMENT I [LT 1170] Chair: Susan Engel, University of Wollongong

PP 5.9 I-Engage project: a multi-disciplinary, international collaboration between academia and industry for an innovative health promotion program in schools

*Kalina Yacef, Corinne Caillaud, Olivier Galy, Charlotte Adam, Gael Clerc, University of Sydney, University of New Caledonia, BePATIENT*

PP 5.10 Indonesian Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) in local level disability-inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

*Pradytia Pertiwi, Gwynyth Llewellyn, Michelle Villeneuve, University of Sydney*

PP 5.11 Counting every child in: promoting inclusive and quality education for disabled children in China

*Yuchen Wang, Edinburgh University / visiting scholar Beijing Normal University*

### HUMAN-CENTRED APPROACHES TO DEVELOPMENT II [LT 2140] Chair: Anthony Sell, Transform Aid International

PP 5.12 Integrating Sustainable Development Goals into national planning and policy frameworks: A Vanuatu case study

*Juliette Hakwa, Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination Vanuatu*

PP 5.13 Utilisation of adolescent friendly sexual and reproductive health services in Nepal

*Pushpa Lata Pandey, Holly Seale, Husna Razee, University of NSW*

PP 5.14 An integrated program to tackle the physical restraint of people with mental illness ("Pasung") in East Java Province

*Edwin Nugroho Njoto, Adi Wirachjanto, Jerico Franciscus Pardosi, University of New South Wales*

### EXPERIENCES FROM THE FIELD [LT 2150] Chair: Julian O'Shea, Laika Academy

PP 5.15 Effect of the 2015 Nepal earthquakes on pregnancy mental health and pregnancy outcomes

*Goma Kumari Khatri, Monash University*

PP 5.16 Experiences of menstrual health of young Dalit women of Achham District, Nepal

*Neeti Aryal Khanal, Monash University*

PP 5.17 Analysis of the poverty incidence in the Philippine mining sector from 1988 to 2009

*Rodalee Ofiaza, Chamber of Mines Philippines*

### Workshops (1)

W 5.1 Strategic Storytelling and Communications for Impact [SR 2060]

*Conor Ashleigh, Agricultural Impact International (AgImpact)*