

## DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN NO.81 LAUNCH & NETWORKING

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### AGENDA

- Date:** Thursday 5 December 2019
- Time:** 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Venue:** La Trobe City Campus  
360C-3.03 - Teaching Room 7  
Level 3, 360 Collins Street, Melbourne
- Access:** La Trobe City Campus is accessible walking, cycling, car or public transport (Bus 234, 236 & 301 or Tram 11, 12, 48 or 109). There is limited, paid parking options available on campus.
- Facilitator:** Dr. Philippa Smales, RDI Network and Partnerships Manager
- Topic:** *Leadership for Inclusive Development*
- Format:** Panel, followed by Informal Networking (over light supper and refreshments)
- Preparation:** In order to maximise the learnings from this session, please consider the following:
- What are the benefits of inclusive leadership? What is the effect of non-inclusive leadership? What is the result of non-inclusive leadership? (This could be in your own organisation, on the world stage etc)
  - What steps have you taken towards inclusive leadership in your own role?
  - What has contributed to your success? What is stopping inclusive leadership? In yourself, in others, in the system?
  - Who are your role models for inclusive leadership and why?
  - What are the 'norms' in inclusive leadership and do they need to be challenged?
  - Can one fall into the traps of 'tokenism' and 'emotional exploitation' when balancing the needs and wants on the way to inclusive leadership? Is it easy to into such a trap?
  - What is the role of Australia's leadership on addressing common concerns, like the climate crisis, the growing complexity and changing nature of humanitarian crises, and the financial sustainability of the sector?
  - What significant reforms are needed to the sector to include, as a minimum standard, locally-led responses, innovation, and a move to working with non-traditional partners?

- Panellists:**
- Dr. Pamala Thomas;** a well-respected academic at Australian National University (ANU) with 40 years of experience in social and economic development
  - Chris Roche;** director of the Institute for Human Security and Social Change and Deputy Director (Impact) at Latrobe University
  - Deborah Rhodes;** an independent consultant and trainer in the aid sector, with over 30 years' experience. Recent examples of her work include the design of a A\$110m DFAT Program 'Water for Women' and evaluations of health and disability programs in the Pacific.
  - Alice Ridge;** a Research, Policy & Advocacy Advisor to the International Women's Development Agency (IWDA). Alice leads the IWDA's domestic and international research, policy and advocacy engagement

<b>Schedule:</b>	5:30PM-5:45PM	Arrival, welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
	5:45PM-6:30PM	Panel (30mins speaking & 15mins questions)
	6:30PM-7:30PM	Networking (over light supper & refreshments)

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