



AUSTRALIAN SDGs SUMMIT: On the Road to Implementation

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The Australian SDGs Summit aims to build a common understanding of the opportunities of the SDGs and how they could be put into practice in Australia across the private sector, academia, civil society and government.

The new UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which came into effect on 1 January 2016, are a landmark agreement by all countries on a blueprint for a better future. The SDGs will guide efforts towards bringing an end to extreme poverty, promoting prosperity and well-being, protecting the environment, addressing climate change, and encouraging good governance and peace and security for all by 2030. Australia, like all countries, is expected to take ownership of the SDGs and report on progress in achieving them.

The SDGs present a significant opportunity for Australia to come together around a shared agenda to create a sustainable future and play a leadership role in our region and around the world. They also offer opportunities for those able to innovate solutions to the social, environmental and governance challenges reflected in the Goals.

However, the SDGs are ambitious and 'business as usual' will not be enough. Success will require action and collaboration across all sectors: federal, state and local government; business, civil society and academia.

The Summit will bring together leaders and decision-makers from government, business, civil society and academia to explore what the SDGs mean for Australia, showcase existing commitments and implementation efforts, and identify what actions need to be taken collaboratively and by different sectors to achieve the SDGs.

The Australian SDGs Summit is co-hosted by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Australia/Pacific and SDSN Youth, Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS), Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and the Global Compact Network Australia (GCNA).

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Agenda

8.30–9.00 **Registration (tea & coffee)**

9.00–10.30 **Session 1: The SDGs: A blueprint for Australia's future**

This session will provide a high-level overview on what the SDGs mean for Australia and why Australian implementation of the SDGs is important from the perspective of the federal government, knowledge institutions, development agencies, business and the social sector.

Welcome from the Chairs

John Thwaites – Chair, Monash Sustainability Institute and Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Australia/Pacific

Sam Mostyn – President, Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)

Welcome to Country

Uncle Charles (Chicka) Madden – Gadigal Elder

Address by Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Minister for International Development and the Pacific

Address by The Hon Angus Taylor MP, Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation

Panel: Sectoral perspectives on Australian implementation of the SDGs

John Thwaites – Chair, SDSN Australia/Pacific (chair of panel)

Sam Mostyn – President, ACFID

Catherine Hunter – Chair, Global Compact Network Australia and Head of Corporate Citizenship, KPMG

Christopher Woodthorpe – Director, UN Information Centre, Canberra

Cassandra Goldie – CEO, Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS)

Sam Loni – Global Coordinator, SDSN Youth

10.30–11.00 **Morning Tea**

11.00–12.30 **Session 2: Australian SDG implementation efforts: How stakeholders are embracing the agenda**

This session will examine progress on implementation of the SDGs across a range of sectors, through case studies of actual implementation.

Chair: Alice Cope – Executive Manager, Global Compact Network Australia

Setting the scene – The 2030 Agenda, internationally and in Australia

Ewen McDonald – Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panel 1

Lachlan Feggans – Senior Manager, Sustainability Asia-Pacific, Brambles

Kate Baker – Senior Sustainability Advisor, Telstra

Paul Jelfs – General Manager, Population and Social Statistics Division, Australian Bureau of Statistics

The Hon. Gary Nairn AO – Chair, The Mulloon Institute

Panel 2

Paul O'Callaghan – CEO, Caritas Australia

Geoff Scott – CEO, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples

Irina Cattalini – CEO, WA Council of Social Service and WA SDGs Network

Prof. Graham Durant – Director, Questacon



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12.30–13.30 **Lunch**

13.30–15.00 **Session 3: Taking SDG implementation forward in Australia**

In this session participants will work in groups to unpack priority gaps/issues with implementing the SDGs in Australia and to develop general and specific actions to address them. Each table will be allocated to one of six themes.

Chair: Sam Mostyn

Theme breakout group discussions

1. How can we make the economic and strategic case for the SDGs?
2. How can we break silos and catalyse and facilitate new forms of partnership and communities of practice – across sectors, departments and disciplines – to deliver on the SDGs?
3. How can we raise the profile of the SDGs across the various sectors and the Australian public?
4. How can we develop a coordinated national approach to the SDGs?
5. How do we prioritise SDGs or targets while ensuring nothing important is ignored and interlinkages between the goals are addressed?
6. How can we capture and report how Australia is doing across all sectors in implementing and achieving the SDGs?

Report back

Commentators:

Bill Shannon – Founder and Senior Partner, The Shannon Company
Siobhan Toohill – Group Head of Sustainability and Community, Westpac

15.00–15.15 **Afternoon Tea**

15.15–16.30 **Session 4: Key messages and next steps**

This session will reflect upon the key take-out messages from the previous session and the day more generally, and highlight priority actions for moving forward with the SDGs in Australia.

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Panel

Chris Cannan – Assistant Secretary, Global Development Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Megan Christensen – General Manager Stakeholder Engagement & Social Responsibility, Oil Search
Steve Hatfield-Dodds – Chief Research Leader, Integration Science and Public Policy, CSIRO
Marc Purcell – CEO, ACFID
Monica Barone – CEO, City of Sydney

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Closing remarks and next steps

Sam Mostyn and John Thwaites

16.30–17.30 **Networking Drinks**

