



Rio+20: Towards sustainable development

Wednesday 23 November & Thursday 24 November 2011

Afternoon forum Wednesday (3pm - 5.30pm) Federation Room North

Drinks and dinner Wednesday (6pm - 10pm) Centenary Ballroom

Breakfast session & full day forum Thursday (7.30am - 5pm) Federation Room North

Hyatt Hotel Canberra Commonwealth Avenue, Yarralumla

Day 1

3pm - 3.30pm Registration and Arrival Afternoon Tea

SESSION 1 PLENARY

3.30 - 4.30pm **One hour scene-setting panel**

- 'Welcome and the international sustainable development context'
Professor Brendan Mackey, Fenner School of Environment & Society, ANU
- 'Rio+20 - an overview'
Mr Malcolm Thompson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

4.30 - 5.30pm **One hour open discussion**

Facilitator: Professor Brendan Mackey, Fenner School of Environment & Society, ANU

Participants will be asked to share ideas and issues responding to the background paper and reflecting their own views. This will form the basis of the first plenary session on Day 2.

6pm **Drinks** for 7pm - 10pm **Dinner**

Day 2

BREAKFAST SESSION

7.30 - 8.30am **Address by The Hon. Tony Burke MP**
Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

SESSION 2 PLENARY

8.30 - 9am **Synthesis of Day 1 discussions**

Speaker: Dr Karen Hussey, Fenner School of Environment & Society, ANU

9 - 10am **Panel presentations 'Scoping the Rio+20 green economy theme'**

Chair: The Hon. Robert Hill, National President, United Nations Association of Australia

- 'Sustainable development, resource scarcity and the future of the planet'
Dr Michael Smith, Research Fellow, Fenner School of Environment & Society, ANU
- 'Planet under pressure - the London Conference and the importance of science in policy formulation'
Dr Mark Stafford-Smith, Science Director, Climate Adaptation Flagship, CSIRO
- 'Measuring and monitoring progress towards sustainable development'
Dr Jill Chalker, Acting First Assistant Statistician, Population, Labour, Industry, and Environment Statistics Division, Australian Bureau of Statistics

10 - 10.30am **Table discussion on key questions**

10.30 - 11am Morning Tea

Day 2 continued...

SESSION 3 PLENARY

11 - 11.50am **Panel presentations 'Opportunities and practical approaches'**

Chair: The Hon. Robert Hill, National President, United Nations Association of Australia

- 'Sustainable water resources governance for the 21st century'
Professor Douglas Fisher, School of Law, Queensland University of Technology
- 'Oceans and a 'blue economy''
Mr Gerald Miles, Regional Director, External Affairs and Policy, Asia Pacific, The Nature Conservancy
- 'Energy (access, efficiency and renewables)'
Dr Hugh Saddler, Principal Consultant - Energy Strategies, Pitt & Sherry; Adjunct Professor, Crawford School of Economics and Government & Fenner School of Environment and Society, ANU

11.50 - 12.30pm **Table discussion on key questions**

12.30 - 2pm Lunch

SESSION 3 PLENARY CONTINUED

2 - 2.30pm **Panel presentations 'Opportunities and practical approaches'**

Chair: The Hon. Robert Hill, National President, United Nations Association of Australia

- 'Agriculture, food security and poverty eradication'
Professor Peter Langridge, CEO, Australian Centre for Plant Functional Genomics
- 'Sustainable resource management and biodiversity conservation: opportunities and limitations'
Dr Joshua Bishop, National Manager - Markets, Sustainability and Business Partnerships, World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) Australia

2.30 - 3pm **Table discussion on key questions**

3 - 3.20pm **Synthesis of Sessions 2 & 3**

Speaker: The Hon. Robert Hill, National President, United Nations Association of Australia

3.20 - 3.35pm Afternoon Tea

SESSION 4 FINAL PLENARY

3.35 - 4.15pm **Table discussion**

Facilitator: Dr Heinz Schandl, Senior Science Leader, Social and Economic Sciences Program, CSIRO

'How to work towards ensuring a framework that achieves the right balance of conceptual focus and practical initiatives to support developed and developing countries to address sustainable development and poverty eradication'

4.15 - 5pm **Plenary reports and wrap up discussion on key insights from the Forum**

Facilitator: Professor Brendan Mackey, Fenner School of Environment & Society, ANU

5pm Close

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