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THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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SUMMIT AGENDA

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

9.00–10.00 **Session 1: The SDGs: A shared vision**

High-level perspectives on the importance of the SDGs for Australia.

Chairs: John Thwaites & Sam Mostyn

Welcome Messages

Ron Jones, Wurundjeri Elder – *Welcome to Country*

John Thwaites & Sam Mostyn – *Welcome from the Chairs*

Cr Cathy Oke – *Welcome from the City of Melbourne*

Cross-sectoral perspectives on the importance of the SDGs

Susan Pascoe AM, President, ACFID

Rod Fehring, CEO, Frasers Property Australia

Major General Michael G Smith AO (retd), UNAA National President

Ministerial keynote

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

10.00-11.15 **Session 2: How Australia is progressing on the SDGs**

How is Australia tracking on the SDGs? What are the challenges and opportunities in implementing the agenda to 2030?

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Panel: How is Australia progressing on the SDGs?

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

Jason McDonald, Chief Adviser, Domestic Policy Group, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – *The Australian Government's implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including preparations for the VNR*

John Thwaites, Chair, Monash Sustainable Development Institute – *Australia's baseline performance on the SDGs*

Marc Purcell, CEO, ACFID – *Australia's international engagement and the SDGs*

Cassandra Goldie, CEO, ACOSS – *Challenges and opportunities in implementing 'Leave no one behind'*

Catherine Hunter, KPMG & Chair, GCNA – *Progress in business action on the SDGs*

11.15–11.45 **Morning Tea**

11.45–13.00 **Session 3: Unlocking the potential of the SDGs**

How different sectors are using the SDGs as a catalyst for "beyond business as usual" to address sustainable development challenges.

Chair: Sam Mostyn

Setting the scene

Cate Harris, Acting Executive Director, GCNA – *How different sectors are embracing the SDGs "beyond business as usual"*

Session 3 cont.

Leaders & innovators – Short presentations

Dr Gillian Sparkes, Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, Victoria – *Socio-economic indicators for the 2018 SoE report based on the SDGs*

Susan Mizrahi, Head of Corporate Responsibility, Australia Post – *Leading change through partnerships*

Sam Loni, Global Coordinator, SDSN Youth – *How SDSN Youth is empowering young people to act on the SDGs in Australia*

Nicole Bradford, Portfolio Head-Responsible Investment, Cbus Super Fund – *The role of the investment sector in supporting SDG implementation*

Jen Dollin, Manager, Sustainability, Western Sydney University – *Education and the SDGs as drivers of local sustainable development*

Dermot O'Gorman, CEO, WWF Australia – *Advancing the SDGs using blockchain in the tuna fisheries industry*

Gary Oliver, CEO, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples

Breakout group introduction

Sam Mostyn and John Thwaites

13.00–14.00 **Lunch**

14.00–15.30 **Session 4: Advancing SDG implementation in Australia**

Parallel discussion sessions on how cross-sectoral SDG implementation in Australia can be strengthened.

Group 1: Communicating the SDGs

A lack of awareness of the SDGs is seen as one of the key barriers to implementation in Australia and globally. The aim of this session is to draw on the expertise of Summit participants to identify messages and strategies for increasing awareness of and action on the SDGs among different kinds of audiences in Australia. This hand-on session will get participants to design a targeted SDGs communication pitch through a design process based on behaviour change approaches.

Leads: SDSN Youth

Room: Jim Stynes Room A

Speaker: Bill Shannon, The Shannon Company

Group 2: Advancing the SDGs commitment to “leave no one behind”

At the core of the SDGs are the commitments to leave no one behind. This session will provide a forum for participants to workshop ways to overcome the challenges associated with leaving no one behind, by discussing some of the key ingredients we need to ensure we are identifying and reaching the right people, alongside new ideas and strategies being pursued across different sectors.

Lead: ACFID

Room: Jim Stynes Room B

Chair: Jane Edge, CEO, CBM Australia

Speakers: Rosemary Kayess, Director, Disability Innovation Institute, UNSW, Sharon Smee, Senior Research, Policy and Advocacy Advisor, IWDA; Catherine Brown, CEO, Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation; Ciara Sterling, Thriving Communities Partnership

Group 3: Priorities for implementation of the SDGs in the Australian context

This session will draw on participants' knowledge and experience from across their varied sectors and areas of expertise to identify priorities for implementation of the SDGs in Australia. Using the appreciative inquiry approach to unpack and address the topics in a positive, proactive and empowering way, participants will work on what needs to be done now and into the future to deliver on the SDGs, in the Australian context.

Lead: GCNA

Room: Olympic Room (plenary room)

15.30–16.00 Afternoon Tea

16.00–17.00 Session 5: Reflections and next steps

Reflections on the day and identification of concrete ways of moving forward.

Chairs: John Thwaites & Sam Mostyn

Closing keynote

The Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP, Shadow Attorney General

Report back from breakout sessions

Call to action

Cameron Cross, CEO & Founder, uBegin – *Post-Summit “opportunity mapping”*

Wrap up and what's next

Vox Pop – *Brief reflections from participants on the day and what they want to see going forward*

Chairs – *Next steps and final reflections*

17.00–18.00 Networking drinks

