



2nd ACTS/PRME/SDSN regional forum for Australia, New Zealand & Pacific

Mainstreaming education for the SDGs in Higher Education

Dates: 22, 23 & 24 February 2022

Time: 3:00–5:00 pm NZDT | 1:00–3:00 pm AEDT | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm AWST | [other time zones](#)

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FINAL AGENDA

(As of 24 Feb 2022; all times in AEDT)

Agenda Day 1: Tuesday, 22 Feb 2022 (AEDT)

13:00–13:15	<p>Welcome from the organisers & forum objectives</p> <p>Chair: Rhiannon Boyd (General Manager, ACTS)</p> <p>Organiser welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof John Thwaites (Chair SDSN AusNZPac & Chair, Monash Sustainable Development Institute, Monash University) <p>Introduction to the forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tahl Kestin (Network Manager, SDSN AusNZPac, Monash Sustainable Development Institute, Monash University) on behalf of the organiser team
13:15–14:30	<p>Session 1: Institutional approaches to mainstreaming education for the SDGs in HEIs</p> <p>Chair: Jeannie Rea (Associate Professor, College of Arts and Education, Victoria University)</p> <p>Keynote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof Kerrie Wilson (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Sustainability Strategy, QUT) – <i>QUT Education for Sustainability Project</i> <p>Panel discussion</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Graham (Associate Professor & Associate Dean (Education), The University of Sydney Law School) – <i>Integrating climate change into the core curriculum of professional law programs</i> • Dr Felix Hui (Associate Professor of Engineering Management & Academic Specialist in the Department of Infrastructure Engineering, The University of Melbourne) – <i>Integration of Sustainability into University curricula</i> • Dr Jenny Underwood (Associate Dean, Fashion and Textiles Technology, School of Fashion and Textiles, RMIT University) – <i>Reimagining fashion higher education through the SDGs</i> • Dr Sandeep Mysore Seshadrinath (Senior Lecturer & Research Theme Lead at Digital Sustainability Knowledge Hub, UNSW Business School, UNSW Sydney) – <i>The UNSW SDG toolkit & module</i> • Dr Deanna Meth (Senior Lecturer, Curriculum & Learning Design, QUT)
14:30–14:58	<p>Session 2: The global context and case for mainstreaming in education for the SDGs in higher education</p> <p>Chair: Dr Tahl Kestin (SDSN AusNZPac & Monash Sustainable Development Institute)</p> <p>Keynote conversation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emeritus Professor Geoff Scott FACE (Professor of Higher Education and Sustainability & and leader of the UN endorsed Regional Centre of Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development – Greater Western Sydney, Western Sydney University)
14:58–15:00	Day 1 wrap up

Agenda Day 2: Wednesday, 23 Feb 2022 (AEDT)

13:00–13:05	<p>Welcome to Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Usha Iyer-Raniga (ACTS Director & Professor, Sustainable built environment, RMIT University)
13:05–13:50	<p>Session 3: Mainstreaming education for the SDGs: How networks and cross-university collaborations can help</p> <p>Chair: Assoc Prof. Belinda Gibbons (Outgoing UNPRME Australia & New Zealand Chapter Chair & Deputy Associate Dean Education, School of Business, University of Wollongong)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Melissa Edwards (Director Executive MBA Program, UTS Business School, University of Technology, Sydney) – <i>Networks and cooperation for sharing sustainability education practice: Revitalising the sustainability.edu.au website</i> • Prof Michelle McLean (Planetary Health Medical Educator, Bond University) – <i>The Association for Medical Education in Europe (AMEE) Consensus statement: Planetary health and education for sustainable healthcare</i> • Shannon Kobran (Lead, SDG Academy Kuala Lumpur, UN SDSN) – <i>SDSN's SDG Academy</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Robyn Ouschan (Senior Lecturer, School of Marketing, Curtin University) – <i>SDG Challenge WA (University of Western Australia, Edith Cowan University, Curtin University and Murdoch University)</i>
13:50–14:58	<p>Session 4: Implementing innovative educational programs in response to the SDGs and societal challenges</p> <p>Chair: Dr Annette Bos (Associate Professor and Deputy Director (Education), Monash Sustainable Development Institute, Monash University)</p> <p>Keynote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Sharon Pickering (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Senior Vice-President, Monash University) – <i>Innovative educational programs to address the grand challenges of our age</i> <p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Karen McNamara (ARC Future Fellow & Associate Professor, Faculty of Science, University of Queensland) – <i>The 'Complexity, Action and Sustainable Futures' course</i> • Prof Niki Harré (School of Psychology, University of Auckland) – <i>A three-course interdisciplinary sustainability module</i> • Dr Sebastian Cordoba (Lecturer, RMIT University & International Federation of Social Workers UN Representative) – <i>SDG student placement model</i> • Dr Nancy Huggett (Portfolio Executive Manager, Office of the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and senior Manager Governance Unit, University of Wollongong – <i>Global Climate Change Week at UOW</i>
14:58–15:00	Day 2 Wrap up

Agenda Day 3: Thursday, 24 Feb 2022 (AEDT)

13:00–13:05	Welcome to Day 3
13:05–14:05	<p>Session 5: Learning & teaching for climate change action</p> <p>Chair: Dr Rob Hales (Director, Centre for Sustainable Enterprise, Griffith University)</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roxane Valier-Brasier (Principal Consultant, Sust. Project, University of Queensland Business School) – <i>Carbon Literacy Program</i> • Dr Wiebke Ebeling (Centre Manager, Wave Energy Research Centre, University of Western Australia) - <i>Wave Hello to Ocean Renewable Energy program</i> • Marjo Lips-Wiersma (Professor, Ethics and Sustainability Leadership, Auckland University of Technology) • Kristen MacKenzie-Shalders (Assistant Professor, Master of Nutrition and Dietetic Practice Program (Food Service Domain Lead), Bond University) • Minalee Busi (Project Officer, Capacity Building, ClimateWorks Australia) – <i>Teaching climate change and carbon management strategies</i>

14:05–14:10

Workshop wrap up