



International Unity in Diversity Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS & EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM



People, Diversity and the Future
of Australia

19 - 20 August 2010

Rydges Southbank Townsville Hotel and Convention Centre, Townsville

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In today's global community, diversity touches everyone be it in the workplace, home or socially. These transformative times, marked by international economic and population issues, have the potential to generate positive energy, new and innovative thinking or be counter productive creating negativity and discrimination. The capacity of a society to harness the positive effects of diversity is dependant on our attitude, knowledge and skills.

Now in its third year, the International Unity in Diversity Conference has created a benchmark of excellence and leadership in this field of cultural diversity and people management.

Building on the outcomes from last year's conference, we welcome contributions on issues related to the global economic crisis, migrant settlement, mental health, education, skills and employment and youth issues.

In this year's conference we seek to expand these themes to encompass challenges in Aged Care, Disability and Indigenous Economic empowerment.

With the help of a Steering Committee made up of leaders and practitioners from the education, community and business fields, this program has been designed to highlight speakers, panels and networking opportunities to enhance diversity, culture and social cohesion.

This conference seeks to bring diverse interest groups together to discuss emerging challenges and approaches in:

- Global trends and their impact on migration of labour and skills
- Australian skills shortage
- Communication across cultural and ideological barriers
- Migrant settlement services
- Culturally inclusive local government
- Culturally inclusive public arts and festivals
- Health and well-being in culturally diverse and Indigenous communities
- Cultural and Environmental Sustainability in the Pacific
- The relevance of multiculturalism to current debates and issues
- Youth issues – leading the future
- Developing Indigenous and cross-cultural businesses through cultural tourism
- The aged care sector
- Diversity and disabilities





Who should attend?

This conference is suitable for all managers, directors, professionals, business leaders and multicultural stakeholders, with a particular interest for people involved in:

- Government
- Educational institutions
- Community organisations
- Cultural organisations
- Religious groups
- Migrant settlement professionals

Important Dates to Remember

01 March 2010 Call for Papers/ Expression of Interest form due

26 March 2010 Synopsis and Biodata due

26 April 2010 Notification of paper acceptance

31 May 2010 Full papers for peer review due



Townsville

Townsville, the capital of North Queensland, is a vibrant city that offers all the amenities and facilities of a major city while still retaining the relaxed laid-back Queensland lifestyle feeling. It offers a range of museums, boutique shops, attractions, adventure and relaxation activities as well as a wide selection of dining and casual eateries. You can discover underwater life at Reef HQ aquarium, visit the world heritage listed Magnetic Island, enjoy the magnificent beachfront The Strand, visit the Pandora shipwreck at the Museum of Tropical Queensland or the award-winning wildlife park at Billabong Sanctuary.

Townsville is the perfect base to discover the magnificent wonders of the tropics and the Great Barrier Reef and North Queensland's most spectacular islands. Within easy drive of Townsville are the heritage centres of Charters Towers, the highest waterfall in Australia (Wallaman Falls) and the breath-taking rainforests of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area at Paluma.

Conference Location and Venue

The Conference will be held at Rydges Southbank Hotel, Townsville. Perfect for business or leisure the 4 star Rydges Southbank Townsville accommodation is a luxurious but affordable boutique hotel that boasts city, Castle Hill and marina views and a full range of facilities including a la carte restaurant, superb accommodation, bar, pool, spa and complimentary onsite car parking. All this is enhanced by friendly staff, exceptional service and attention to every detail.

Cultural Fest 2010

Strand Park, Townsville

18th – 22nd August 2010

The third International Unity in Diversity Conference is held in conjunction with the annual Cultural Fest. With the theme of 'Unity in Diversity' Cultural Fest brings people from all walks of life together in the spirit of fun and friendship. During its 5 fun-filled days of dance, food, music, arts, workshops and sports the festival brings the Townsville region to life. The festival is a showcase of Australia's most exciting music and dance entertainers. A record 80,000 people from a wide cross section of the community come together in a celebration of our diversity. Cultural Fest brings together more than 450 community and cultural groups as well as religious, environmental, business, government and media stakeholders making it the most inclusive festival in Australia.

Expression of Interest

Title _____ Given Name: _____

Surname: _____

Job Title _____

Organisation _____

Phone (work) _____ Phone (home) _____

Mobile _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Mailing Address _____

_____ Suburb/City _____

State _____ Postcode _____ Country _____

please tick appropriate box/s

I am interested in attending the Unity in Diversity Conference. Please keep me informed

I am interested in presenting a paper at the Unity in Diversity Conference.

Title for paper _____

(A brief synopsis of 200-250 words, a list of 4-6 keywords and a 100-word biography with qualifications and experience will be required by **26 March 2010**)

Please make note: Guidelines for the preparation of Abstracts, Papers and Presentations will follow in due course but will be pending your application.

I would like my paper to be peer reviewed

I give consent for my paper to be published on the conference website

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM TO BE SUBMITTED BY
5pm 1st March 2010**

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