AUSTRALIA AND THE UN: CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

MAJOR DECISIONS ON MATTERS OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY – INCLUDING SYRIA, AFGHANISTAN AND MALI - NOW REQUIRE AUSTRALIA’S DIRECT INPUT.

How well are we using the Security Council to advance issues of importance to Australia and our region? What legacy will Australia leave from our time on the Security Council? How can civil society engage with key international bodies like the Security Council and the Human Rights Council to advance particular issues and hold Australia accountable to our international obligations?

DATE: Thursday 2 May 2013
TIME: 6:00 - 8:00pm
VENUE: Tim Winton Lecture Theatre, Building 213.104, Curtin University, Carpark 3
TICKETS: $20 / $15 students/concession/UNAA members Available from www.trybooking.com/CRBA
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HEAR FROM OUR SPEAKERS AND JOIN THE DISCUSSION...
Dr. Russell Trood – National President, UN Association of Australia
Mr. Michael Wood – State Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Ms. Tammy Solonec – Director, National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples
Ms. Fiona McGaughey – Centre for Human Rights Education, Curtin University
Mr. Paddy Cullen – Campaigns Coordinator (WA), Oxfam Australia
Mr. Michael Wood  
WA State Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Michael Wood took up the WA State Director position of DFAT in early 2012. Mr Wood has worked at Australian diplomatic missions in Mexico City, New Delhi, Hong Kong and Singapore where he was Deputy Head of Mission. In Canberra he has worked in many areas of the foreign affairs and trade portfolio, including trade, economic issues and bilateral country relations.

Ms. Tammy Solonec  
Director, National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples  
Tammy Solonec is a Nyikina woman from Derby in the Kimberley region of WA. She is currently a Director of the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples, the Vice Chairperson of NAIDOC Perth and a member of the National NAIDOC Committee and the WA Aboriginal Lawyers Committee. Tammy was awarded Young Female Lawyer and Lawyer of the Year for WA in 2012. Throughout her career, Tammy has advocated for Indigenous peoples on local, state, national and international levels, including at the United Nations.

Ms. Fiona McGaughey  
Centre for Human Rights Education, Curtin University  
Fiona McGaughey lectures on Human Rights Instruments and Institutions at Curtin University. Her engagement with the UN includes as joint editor of an Australian shadow report to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) in 2005 and as an NGO delegate to the CERD Committee review in Geneva. Working for the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism, she was part of an Irish delegation to meet with the visiting Follow-up CERD Rapporteur in 2006. Fiona also wrote two shadow reports for an Irish NGO to CERD and ICESCR in 2011.

Mr. Paddy Cullen  
Campaigns Coordinator (WA), Oxfam Australia  
Paddy Cullen has been the Campaigns Coordinator for Oxfam in WA for 7 years. He has worked with activists and campaigners all over the world on the Arms Trade Treaty campaign and also worked on Make Poverty History, Climate Change, Close The Gap, The Robin Hood Tax and The GROW campaigns.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Dr. Russell Trood  
National President, United Nations Association of Australia  
Appointed National President of the UNAA in August 2012, Dr Trood serves as the Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Australia for Eastern Europe and Professor of International Relations at Griffith University. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Defence and Security Program, US Studies Centre at the University of Sydney. Dr Trood previously served as a Senator for Queensland and assisted in the foundation of a United Nations Parliamentary Group.

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