



## Media Release

### Global leaders in refugee settlement take stage at the International Conference of the Settlement Council of Australia

The International Conference of the Settlement Council of Australia will attract global leaders and innovators in refugee settlement policy and practices.

The Settlement Conference will feature speakers from local and international government, international agencies, legal experts, business and industry, practitioners, academics, researchers and more.

#### Speakers highlights:

- Geoffrey Robertson, QC
- Hon Craig Laundry MP
- Dr Tim Soutphommasane - AHRC
- Oskar Ekblad – Swedish Migration Agency
- Libby Davies – White Ribbon Australia

The Conference will take place 5-7<sup>th</sup> May at ZINC Federation Square in Melbourne.

SCOA's Chair Dewani Bakkum said, "Conference speakers will focus discussion on broadening an understanding and responsiveness to refugee settlement, migration and active citizenship within today's global climate."

"Australian practitioners will be showcasing their world-class settlement programs."

Ms Bakkum highlighted, "The timing of this Conference is ideal with the recent increase of Syrian and Iraqi refugees coming into Australia."

"The Conference will provide an opportunity to shape settlement service provider's practices for all refugees entering Australia contributing to our multicultural future."

Date: 5-7<sup>th</sup> May

Venue: ZINC Federation Square, Melbourne

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Full program [here](#)