

2023 National Settlement Conference

BUILDING THE FUTURE TOGETHER



23-24 NOVEMBER 2023

Pullman Albert Park, Melbourne

PROGRAM

22 November 2023

5:30 - 7:30pm	Welcome Reception Sponsored by Community Migrant Resource Centre and MultiLink Community Services <i>Melissa Monteiro, SCOA Chair Michael Zgryza, SCOA Deputy Chair</i> <i>Dr Bulent Hass Dellal AO, Chair, Multicultural Framework Review Panel</i> <i>Manal Younus, Spoken word poetry performance</i> <i>Zaynab Farah, Spoken word poetry performance</i>	Greenfields Albert Park
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23 November 2023: Conference Day 1

8:00am	Arrival – Registrations open	
9:00am	Conference Open <i>Preeti Jabbal, SBS, Conference MC</i> <i>Melissa Monteiro, SCOA Chair</i> <i>Welcome to Country</i>	Plenary
9:15am	The Hon. Andrew Giles MP Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs	Plenary
9:30am	From lived experience to professional insight This panel will discuss the role of people with lived experience in delivering and leading settlement services. The panellists are professionals and leaders in the settlement sector, and also have a variety of lived experiences. <i>Samira Husic, MercyCare</i> <i>Farzana, Community Migrant Resource Centre</i> <i>Joseph Youhana, HOST International</i> <i>John Buraho, CORE Community Services</i> <i>Facilitator: Jasmina Bajraktarevic-Hayward, Chair of Settlement Advisory Council</i>	Plenary
10:30am	Morning tea	

11:00am

Breakout
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| <p>▶ Supporting new arrivals with disabilities</p> <p><i>Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM, Doctor, National Ethnic Disability Alliance</i>
<i>Nyrob Majak, Advocate</i>
<i>Cathy Preston-Thomas, NSW Refugee Health Service</i>
<i>Facilitator: Pino Migliorino AM, Cultural Perspectives</i></p> | Plenary |
| <p>▶ Collaborating for more impactful influence</p> <p><i>Neil Pharaoh, Tanck</i>
<i>Rory Parker, Tanck</i>
<i>Facilitator: Melissa Monteiro, SCOA Chair</i></p> | Ballroom 5 |
| <p>▶ Bridging the gap between academia and practice</p> <p><i>Dr Louise Olliff, Refugee Council of Australia</i>
<i>Sarah Yassien, SBS</i>
<i>Facilitator: Michael Zgryza, MultiLink Community Services Inc</i></p> | Ballroom 6 |
| <p>▶ Brokering housing solutions</p> <p><i>Kate Colvin, Homelessness Australia</i>
<i>Sonia Di Mezza, Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services</i>
<i>Cath Scarth, AMES Australia</i>
<i>Facilitator: Mirsia Bunjaku, Australian Migrant Resource Centre</i></p> | Element |

12:00pm

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| <p>▶ Frameworks for the settlement sector – current state and future directions</p> <p><i>Julie Robert, Settlement Council of Australia</i>
<i>Grace Keppel Benson, American University</i>
<i>Andrew Kiley, Department of Home Affairs</i>
<i>Facilitator: Rose Dash, Multicultural Australia</i></p> | Plenary |
| <p>▶ Emerging research in settlement</p> <p><i>Prof Farida Fozdar, Curtin University</i>
<i>Dr Pilar Rioseco, Australian Institute of Family Studies</i>
<i>Facilitator: Angelica Svensson, AMES Australia</i></p> | Ballroom 5 |
| <p>▶ Supporting communities to be their own advocates</p> <p><i>Farhad Arian, CORE Community Services</i>
<i>Sam Matti, Australian Assyrian Chaldean Syriac Advocacy Network</i>
<i>Rana Ebrahimi, Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network</i>
<i>Facilitator: Shabnam Safa, National Refugee-led Advisory and Advocacy Group</i></p> | Ballroom 6 |
| <p>▶ Regional models for delivering settlement services</p> <p><i>Andrea Obeyesekere, Centacare FNQ</i>
<i>Dr Charishma Ratnam, Deakin University</i>
<i>Sharon Daishe, Mosaic Multicultural Connections</i>
<i>Facilitator: Ann Foley, Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia</i></p> | Element |

1:00pm

Lunch

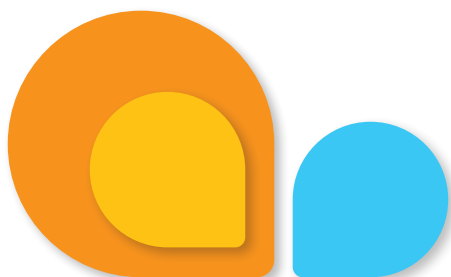
2:00pm Breakout Sessions	<p>▶ Improving health policy and practice for migrants and refugees</p> <p><i>Carita Davis, Department of Health and Aged Care</i> <i>Sheetal Challam, Cancer Institute NSW</i> <i>Dr Olayide Ogunsiji, Western Sydney University</i> <i>Facilitator: Kwame Selormey, Melaleuca Australia</i></p>	Plenary
	<p>▶ Future directions in complementary pathways for refugee settlement</p> <p><i>Lisa Button, Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia</i> <i>Sarya Alsayed, Talent Beyond Boundaries</i> <i>Emily Chipman, UNHCR</i> <i>Dr Sally Baker, Australian National University</i> <i>Facilitator: Paul Power, Refugee Council of Australia</i></p>	Ballroom 5
	<p>▶ Our role in supporting women experiencing violence</p> <p><i>Maha Abdo OAM, Muslim Women Australia</i> <i>Prof. Jo Spangaro, University of Wollongong</i> <i>Constance Jones, African Women's Federation of South Australia</i> <i>Facilitator: Maria Dimopoulos AM, Myriad Kofkin Global</i></p>	Ballroom 6
	<p>▶ Addressing inequity within multicultural affairs and settlement</p> <p><i>Dr Nora Amath, IWAA</i> <i>Renee Dixson, Forcibly Displaced People's Network</i> <i>John Kamara, 2023 Tasmanian Australian of the Year</i> <i>Facilitator: Erfan Daliri, Kind Enterprises</i></p>	Element

3:00pm Afternoon Tea

3:30pm	<p>What was key to your successful settlement?</p> <p>This panel will bring together prominent people of migrant and refugee backgrounds who have excelled in their respective fields, to explore the elements of success in their own and their families' settlement journeys.</p> <p><i>Akec Makur Chuot, Hawthorn Football Club</i> <i>Om Dhungel, Author</i> <i>Hedayat Osyan, CommUnity Construction</i> <i>Facilitator: Mandi Wicks, SBS</i></p>	Plenary
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4:30pm Day 1 Conference close

7:00-11:00pm	<p>25th Anniversary Gala Dinner</p> <p>Sponsored by the Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia</p> <p><i>MC: Darren Mara, SBS</i> <i>The Hon. Cassandra Fernando MP</i> <i>Mary Ann Geronimo, Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia</i> <i>Melissa Monteiro, SCOA Chair and Sandra Elhelw, SCOA CEO</i> <i>Music by Zourouna and Serena</i></p>	The Plaza Ballroom
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24 November 2023: Conference Day 2

9.00am	Arrival	
9.30am	Welcome <i>Preeti Jabbal, SBS, Conference MC</i>	Plenary
9.35am	Senator Fatima Payman Senator for Western Australia	Plenary
9.45am	Performance by Bukjeh Bukjeh translates to 'a small pack of belongings carried by travelers.' Bukjeh brings together refugee storytellers to create and tell their own stories through the art of performance.	Plenary
10:30am	Morning tea	
11.00am	Current state and future directions <i>Sandra Elhelw, Settlement Council of Australia</i> <i>Huy Truong, Settlement Advisory Council</i> <i>Mary Ann Geronimo, Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia</i> <i>Facilitator: Pino Migliorino AM, Cultural Perspectives</i>	Plenary
12:00pm Breakout Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Workshop: Empowered settlement journeys <i>Lead: Christine Castley, Multicultural Australia</i> ▶ Workshop: Working with local migrant and refugee communities <i>Lead: Clement Meru, SydWest Multicultural Services</i> ▶ Driving research and systems change <i>Lead: Diana Sayed, Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights</i> ▶ Supporting newly arrived refugees to get their first job <i>Mirsia Bunjaku, Australian Migrant Resource Centre</i> <i>Cindy Carpenter, Bread & Butter Project</i> <i>Carmen Garcia, Community Corporate</i> <i>Facilitator: Violet Roumeliotis AM, SSI</i> 	Plenary Ballroom 5 Ballroom 6 Element
1:00pm	Lunch	
2:00pm Breakout Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Workshop: Connecting with other sectors and broader Australian society <i>Lead: Esta Paschalidis-Chilas, Canterbury City Community Centre</i> ▶ Workshop: Supporting workforce and organisational capacity <i>Lead: Dor Akech Achiek, SSI</i> ▶ Building monitoring, evaluation and data capability <i>Lead: David Keegan, HOST International</i> ▶ Moving beyond entry level: Career progression for migrants and refugees <i>Chantal Mousad, CareerSeekers</i> <i>Robyn Matthews, Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services</i> <i>Betina Szkudlarek, University of Sydney Business School</i> <i>Facilitator: Violet Roumeliotis AM, SSI</i> 	Plenary Ballroom 5 Ballroom 6 Element
3:00pm	SCOA AGM	Plenary
3:30pm	Wrap up and Conference Close	Plenary