

WUN Presidents Forum

Global and Local: Higher Education and Research in International Policy Development

The SDGs, Climate Accords, Belt and Road, Pacific Partnership

(Final V10 – 9 May 2018)

Friday 25 May 2018
Venue: The University Club of Western Australia, Perth
WUN Annual Conference Dinner Thursday 24 May 2018

NOTE: All attendees are expert participants – there is ample time for discussion. Chairs and speakers are asked to keep strictly to time, in order to allow discussion and for outcomes to be identified.

THE FINAL PROGRAM, SPEAKERS BIOS AND ABSTRACTS are available on the website.

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Thursday 24 May 2018

WUN Annual Conference Dinner (dress code - smart casual)

Venue: Government House, Perth CBD 19:00-21:30. **Gather:** Pan Pacific Hotel lobby 18:40.

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Transport: Buses will leave from the Pan Pacific Hotel in Perth CBD at 08:00. Buses will return from UWA after the sessions. Please consult the [conference schedule](#) for details.

1. INTRODUCTION: *The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), China Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), UN Climate Accords, Indo-Pacific cooperation, and many national foreign policies are being implemented. There are priorities and synergies requiring higher education and research partnerships and teamwork.*

Universities are vital partners, with government, business, international agencies and NGOs, in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and other global policy objectives. What are the interactions and synergies between these policies and their implementation? What are the priorities for Universities? How can teams be developed best to succeed? How can WUN, a global network engage to 2030?

2. STRUCTURE: *There are four sessions: (i) Global Policy Frameworks, synergies and opportunities; (ii) Regional action plans for engagement; (iii) Local priorities for global challenges; (iv) Strategies for WUN.*

3. PROGRAM:

0830	Registration The University Club of Western Australia
	Coffee and tea will be provided through the meeting
0900	Welcome and MC: Prof John Hearn (5 min) Welcome to Country (5 min) Conference Welcome: WUN Presidents Forum 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Martin Paul, President, Maastricht University; Chair, WUN Partnership Board (10 min)
0920	Session 1 Higher Education and Research: Global policy frameworks, synergies and opportunities. Chair: Prof Dawn Freshwater , President, University of Western Australia (5 min)
	<p>Opening speakers – 15 min each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Rod Glover, Monash University, Sustainable Development Institute University engagement: UN-SDSN Progress Report 2015-18 • Prof Gerard Postiglione, Honorary Professor Division of Policy, Administration and Social Sciences Education, The University of Hong Kong The China Belt and Road: global engagement, local development • Prof Nigel Healey, President Fiji National University (Representing Dr Joanna Newman, Secretary General of the Association of Commonwealth Universities). Pacific Perspectives: local and global engagement. <p>Panel – 7 min each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Peter Mbithi, President, University of Nairobi (East Africa) • Prof Andrew Deeks, President, University College Dublin (Europe) • Prof Arturo Molina Gutierrez, Vice President Tec de Monterrey (Latin America) • Prof David Turpin, President University of Alberta (Canada) <p>Discussion – 20 min What are the priority areas for Higher Education and Research in policy development? How can global university networks engage and deliver, especially with WUN in Health, Education, Environment, Cultural Understanding?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Comment: Prof Joseph Sung (5 min) Past President Chinese University of Hong Kong and past Chair WUN Partnership Board</p>
1100	Coffee
1130	Session 2 Regional action plans and priorities for engagement in policy research Chair: Prof Katherine Newman , Vice President University of Massachusetts System (5min)

1240	<p>Speaker – 15 min</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Dag Rune Olsen, Rector, University of Bergen (Scandinavia) Norway’s national leadership and teamwork to engage with the SDGs <p>Panel – 7 min each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Rocky Tuan, President CUHK (Asia-USA) • Prof L. Gordon Flake, CEO Perth USAsia Centre • Prof Ebenezer Owusu, President, University of Ghana (West Africa) <p>Discussion – 20 min What are the higher education and research policy objectives for WUN members in the major regions? How can progress be assessed? How can the impact of science in policy development be accelerated?</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Special Topic Science and Development, the Square Kilometre Array. Prof Peter Quinn, Astronomy and Astrophysics UWA. Special Presentation – 20 min, plus 10 min Discussion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Comment: Dr Max Price (5 min) President University of Cape Town, and past Chair WUN Partnership Board (5min)</p>
1305	Lunch
1400	<p>Session 3 Local Policy Research Priorities for Global Challenges of the Future Chair: Prof Robyn Owens, DVC Research, UWA (5 min)</p>
	<p>Speaker – 15 min</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Stephen Smith, Previous Foreign Minister of Australia Gaps in meeting international policy opportunities – practical strategies and actions <p>Panel – 7 min each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Fanny Cheung, PVC CUHK, Co-Chair WUN Global China Group • Dr David Mickler, UWA, Co-Chair WUN Global Africa Group • Prof Liu Yuanchun, VP Renmin University, Co-Chair WUN Global Policy Research Group (Comments from Co- Chairs Maano Ramutsindela, Xu Qinhua, John Hearn) <p>Discussion – 20 min Global higher education and research, led by the “world research universities” have a major role in policy development and implementation. What are the opportunities and priorities now?</p>
1515	Afternoon tea
1545	<p>Session 4 ROUND TABLES: Strategies for WUN – key questions, knowledge gaps, engagement for impact Chair: Prof David Hogg, Chair WUN Academic Advisory Group (5min)</p>

	<p>Panel 1 – 7 min each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Peter Davies (UWA), Vice Chair WUN Responding to Climate Change • Prof Ngaire Kerse (Auckland), Chair WUN Public Health • Prof Caroline Dyer (Leeds), Chair WUN Global Higher Education and Research • Prof Tore Saetersdal (Bergen), Chair WUN Understanding Cultures (Vice Chairs comment – Mark Hanson, Ann Singleton) <p>Panel 2 – 7 min each</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student speaker: Mr Costas Georgiades, Maastricht University • Early Career Researcher: Dr Lee Nedkoff, Research Fellow, UWA • Prof Saul Tendler, Deputy VC and Provost, University of York <p>Discussion – 20 Min The outcome of the Forum will include position and media papers on policy research priorities and the opportunity for international education and research. What are the changes required to make WUN fit for purpose, bringing evidence-based policy to focus, with its strategic plan 2018-20, in the uncertain international environment?</p> <p>Global higher education and research, led by the “world research universities” have a major role in policy development and implementation. What are the opportunities and priorities now?</p> <p>Conclusions and next steps: Launch of the WUN Global Policy Research Group -10 min</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof John Hearn, Executive Director
1700	<p>End – closing refreshments and informal discussions Buses leave for Perth CBD at 1745h</p>

4. NOTES:

Expert Discussants: These include all attending WUN Presidents, leaders and experts. As usual, we aim to include Presidents of newer WUN member universities in bringing a further global approach to the topic. Substantial time is allocated for discussion, in which all participants are encouraged to engage.

Timing: Chairs, speakers and panellists are asked to keep **strictly to the times shown**, so that all expert participants can engage in the discussion, development of consensus, and outcomes.

Operations Team: Chair – Prof John Hearn; Dr Mike Hasenmueller; A-Prof Grace Liu; Ms Marije Nieuwenhuis. **UWA Liaison** Mr Iain Watt, A-Prof Judy Berman. **Primary functions:** program development, speakers, editing, registration, venue, logistics, implementation, follow up.

5. Outline, status and guidelines at 05 April 2018:

- **Purpose:** A review of the current status, opportunities and future projections 2018-20 of WUN International Policy Research priorities related to the major global policy frameworks.
- **Focus:** Opportunities for practical actions and outcomes in research, education, mobility, impact. Consideration of strengthened current and new university networks and alliances.

- **Framework:** Monitoring and assessment of international policy research development, taking opportunities for co-operation. Development of 3-5 potential research programs for WUN.
- **Workshop Format:** Four sessions with 1-3 scene setting speaker(s), 2-3 panellist/commentators, and expert discussion focused towards specific outcomes.
- **PowerPoint:** Welcome, but please keep to 1 slide per minute and send in advance to gliu@wun.ac.uk (cc mnieuwenhuis@wun.ac.uk)
- **Attendance:** An *invitation only* meeting of 100 experts: 70 WUN, 30 invited guests. We respectfully request that **attendees stay for the whole meeting.**
- **Program and Preparation:** Please make sure that you consult [the website](#), the final program, bios & statements and selected reference papers will be available for downloading from 4 May. ***In the interests of environment and cost, we do not intend to provide printed copies.***
- **WUN Conference Dinner Thursday 24 May 2018:** Venue [Government House](#). Registration required. **If you have missed the closing date of 27 March 2018 please notify us via email at mnieuwenhuis@wun.ac.uk**
- **Accommodation:** Participants **please book your rooms at the conference hotel with the special WUN rate [via this link](#)**. Please note that the number of rooms available is limited, therefore we highly recommend that you book your accommodation with [Pan Pacific Perth](#) as soon as possible. Please contact mhasenmueller@wun.ac.uk for assistance if special rate rooms are fully booked.
- **Getting there and away:** please consult the [conference website](#) for logistics information.

With thanks to all partners, participants and sponsors,

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