



Australian Institute of International Affairs
National President's Forum and Governor's Reception
Great Expectations: Obama's Foreign Policy

Balcony Room, Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide
Tuesday 5 May 2009

Arrival 8.45-9.00

Welcome to Participants 9.00-9.15

Opening Comments:

Mr Clive Hildebrand, National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs

Welcome:

Ms Gay Thompson, Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly and Chairman of Committees

Session 1: The New Administration 9.15-10.45

Chair:

Mrs Dana Stoba, President, SA Division, Australian American Association

Opening Comments:

Dr Michael Fullilove, Director of the Global Issues Program, Lowy Institute for International Policy

Moderator:

Dr John Hart, Reader in Political Science and International Relations, ANU

Morning Tea 10.45-11.15

Session 2: Global and Regional Challenges 11.15-12.45

Chair:

Mr John Michell, State Director, South Australia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Opening Comments:

The Hon Alexander Downer, former Minister for Foreign Affairs

Moderator:

Mr Richard Leaver, Reader in Politics, School of Political and International Studies, Flinders University

Lunch 12.45-1.30

Session 3: The Obama Administration in the Asia-Pacific Region 1.30-3.00

Chair:

The Hon Duncan Kerr SC MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs

Opening Comments:

Professor William Tow, Department of International Relations, ANU

Moderator:

Associate Professor Lyn Carson, Academic Program Director, United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney

Afternoon Tea 3.00-3.30

Session 4: Australia and the Obama Administration 3.30-4.45

Chair:

Mr Geoff Gray, Executive Director, American Australia Association

Opening Comments:

Dr Rod Lyon, Program Director, Strategy and International, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

Moderator:

Professor Peter Edwards, Flinders University

Closing Remarks 4.45-5.15

Rapporteur's Report:

Professor Robert O'Neill AO, Member of the Board of the Lowy Institute for International Policy and Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs

Closing Remarks:

Ms Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs

Governor's Reception, Government House, North Terrace 5.30-6.15

His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin John Scarce, Governor of South Australia

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Forum Participants

Mr Jamie Briggs MP, Member for Mayo

Ms Emily Wilson, Chief of Staff, Strategic Coordination and Governance, Department of Defence

Mr Marcel Dimo, Senior Analyst Americas, Americas and Europe Branch, Office of National Assessments

Dr Wayne Hobbs, Head, National Security Program, Defence Science and Technology Organisation

Ms Sarah Bilney, Adviser, Office of the Hon Duncan Kerr SC MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs

Mr Aric Schwan, Director of Culture and Media Affairs, US Consulate Melbourne

Mr David Stoba, President, Federation of Australian American Associations

Mr Alan Ball, Vice President, Finance, Thales Australia

Dr David Mosler, Visiting Research Fellow, University of Adelaide

Ms Vanessa Newby, Vice-President, QLD Branch, Australian Institute of International Affairs

Mr Robin Ashwin, former Ambassador in Moscow, with assistance by Okche Ashwin

The Right Rev'd Dr Ian George AO, former Anglican Archbishop of Adelaide

Emeritus Professor Anthony Radford, Flinders University

AIIA Representatives

Mr Geoff Miller AO, National Vice-President, Australian Institute of International Affairs

Mr Dayle Redden, National Treasurer, Australian Institute of International Affairs

Mr John Robbins, National Deputy Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs

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Ms Julia-Nadine Wirsinna, Intern, Australian Institute of International Affairs

Mr Masaki Kataoka, Intern, Australian Institute of International Affairs