



Australian Institute of International Affairs
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The History of Australia's Involvement with the United Nations

Stephen House, 32 Thesiger Court, Deakin, Canberra
1 -2 February 2011

Program

The object of this Forum is to address Australia's role in the United Nations (UN) from inception to the present day, including significant issues related to the UN, both past and present. It will be a historical and thematic forum, run jointly by the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) and the Historical Publications and Information Section of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Admission to the forum will be by invitation only. Discussions are held under the Chatham House rule.

Tuesday 1 February

Registration	8.45-9.00
Opening Remarks	9.00-9.15
Ms Robyn Mudie, Assistant Secretary, Information Resources Branch, DFAT	
Mr John McCarthy AO FAIIA, National President of the AIIA	
Keynote Address: The UN and Australian Foreign Policy	9.15-10.15
Mr Richard Woolcott AC FAIIA, former Secretary of DFAT 1988-92 and former Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN in New York	
Morning Tea	10.15-10.45
Session 1: Australia's Involvement in the Foundation of the UN	10.45-12.00
<u>Presenters</u>	
Professor James Cotton, Australian Defence Force Academy at the University of New South Wales	
Honorary Associate Professor Neville Meaney, University of Sydney	
<u>Moderator</u>	
Professor David Horner AM, Professor of Australian Defence History, School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, Australian National University	
Lunch	12.00-13.00

Session 2: The Security Council and Peacekeeping **13.00-14.15**

Presenters

Dr David Lee, Director, Historical Publications and Information Section, DFAT

Dr Moreen Dee, Historical Publications and Information Section, DFAT

Moderator

Lieutenant General John Sanderson AC FAIA, former Governor of Western Australia and former Chief of the Army

Afternoon Tea **14.15-14.45**

Session 3: Human Rights and the Environment **14.45-16.00**

Presenters

Mr Colin Milner, Director, Projects, Historical Publications and Information Section, DFAT

Professor Lorraine Elliott, Director of PhD Studies, School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, Australian National University

Moderator

Associate Professor Shirley Scott, School of Social Sciences and International Studies, UNSW, and Research Chair of the AIIA

Keynote Address: Experiences in Multilateral Diplomacy **16.00-17.00**

Professor The Hon Robert Hill, former Minister for Defence and the Environment and former Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN in New York

Close of Day One **17.00**

Wednesday 2 February

Keynote Address: The UN – A Dysfunctional Family **09.00-10.00**

Mr James Ingram AO FAIA, former Executive Director of the UN World Food Programme 1982-1992 and former Director General of the Australian Development Assistance Agency

Comment: Governance and the UN **10.00-10.30**

Professor Charles Sampford, Foundation Dean and Professor of Law, Griffith University and Director of the Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law, a joint initiative of the UN University, Griffith and QUT in association with the ANU

Morning Tea **10.30-11.00**

Session 1: UN Specialised Agencies and the UN and Development

11.00-12.15

Presenters

Professor Peter Carroll, Senior Research Fellow and Associate Dean (Research), University of Tasmania

Dr David Lee and Dr Chad Mitcham, Historical Publications and Information Section, DFAT

Moderator

Professor John Langmore, Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne, former Director of the UN Division for Social Policy and Development and former Member of the House of Representatives

Lunch

12.15-13.15

Session 2: Disarmament and Reform of the UN

13.15-14.30

Presenters

Dr Matthew Jordan, Executive Officer, Historical Publications and Information Section, DFAT

Professor Roderic Pitty, Associate Professor at the University of Western Australia

Moderator

Mr Ron Walker, Consultant for UNITAR, Visiting Fellow to ANU, former Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN in Geneva and former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Afternoon Tea

14.30-15.00

Session 3: The Permanent Representatives in New York

15.00-15.30

Presenter

Mr Jeremy Hearder, Consultant, DFAT

Moderator

Mr Ron Walker, Consultant for UNITAR, Visiting Fellow to ANU, former Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN in Geneva and former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Closing Remarks

15.30-16.00

Presenters

Ms Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director, AIIA

Ms Robyn Mudie, Assistant Secretary, Information Resources Branch, DFAT

Close

16.00