



**Australian Government**  
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 Environment and Energy



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Forum: The Environment and Energy Goals in Focus

Monday 18 September 2017  
 Parkview Room, Doltone House Darling Island  
 48 Pirrama Road, Pyrmont, Sydney

### Agenda

<b>Introducing the Sustainable Development Goals</b>	
<i>Facilitator: Dr Rachel Bacon, First Assistant Secretary, Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy</i>	
8:30-8:50	<b>Registration</b> (tea and coffee)
8:50-9:00	<b>Welcome to Country</b>  <i>Speaker: Uncle Allen Madden, Gadigal Elder</i>
9:00-9:15	<b>Welcome from the Co-Chairs</b>  <i>Speakers:</i>  <i>1. Dr David Gruen, G20 Sherpa, Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</i>  <i>2. Peter Cochrane, Regional Councillor, International Union for Conservation of Nature</i>
9:15-9:30	<b>State of Play on the Sustainable Development Goals</b>  <i>Speaker: Natasha Smith, First Assistant Secretary, Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Government arrangements on the SDGs including the Voluntary National Review</li> <li>Update from the 2017 High-Level Political Forum, 10-19 July 2017, New York</li> </ul>

9:30-9:45	<b>Business and industry engagement on the Sustainable Development Goals</b> <i>Speaker: Alice Cope, Executive Director, Global Compact Network Australia</i>
9:45-10:00	<b>Environmental non-government organisations and the Sustainable Development Goals</b> <i>Speaker: Dermot O'Gorman, Chief Executive Officer, WWF-Australia</i>
<i>Intended outcome: Generate understanding of cross-sector engagement on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs and how this fits into the global picture.</i>	

## Session 1: Understanding the environment and energy Sustainable Development Goals

*Facilitator: Julian Crawford, Director, Ecosteps*

10:00-10:45	<p><b>Panel 1: Health, water and sanitation, clean energy and sustainable cities.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 3 - Good health and well-being - <i>Paul Smith, Deputy Secretary, Victorian Government Department of Environment, Land, Water &amp; Planning</i></li> <li>• Goal 6 - Clean water and sanitation - <i>Professor Rob Skinner, Chief Executive Officer, Monash Water for Liveability</i></li> <li>• Goal 7 - Affordable and clean energy - <i>Victoria Adams, Director, Clean Energy Finance Corporation</i></li> <li>• Goal 11 - Sustainable cities and communities - <i>Andrew Cole, Regional Sustainability Manager, Lendlease</i></li> </ul>
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10:45 – 11:00 Morning tea

11:00-11:45	<p><b>Panel 2: Responsible consumption and production, climate action, and marine and terrestrial conservation.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 12 - Responsible consumption and production - <i>Dr Kate Ringvall, Country Manager Sustainability Retail, IKEA</i></li> <li>• Goal 13 - Climate action - <i>Christopher Lee, Chief Executive Officer, Climate-KIC Australia Ltd</i></li> <li>• Goal 14 - Life below water - <i>Nic Bax, Director, Marine Biodiversity Hub, University of Tasmania</i></li> <li>• Goal 15 - Life on land - <i>Jane Hutchinson, Chief Executive Officer, Tasmanian Land Conservancy</i></li> </ul>
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*Intended outcome: Generate understanding of each of the environment and energy SDGs, how they intersect and what types of initiatives are happening in this space.*

**Session 2: Exploring the environment and energy Sustainable Development Goals – barriers, incentives and opportunities**

*Facilitator: Alice Cope, Executive Director, Global Compact Network Australia*

11:45-12:30	<b>Round 1: Breakout groups to discuss the barriers, incentives and opportunities for each of the environment and energy Sustainable Development Goals</b>
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12:30 – 1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:00	<b>Round 2: Breakout groups to discuss the barriers, incentives and opportunities for each of the environment and energy Sustainable Development Goals</b>
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2:00-2:30	<b>Summary of breakout discussions</b>  <i>2-3 min report back on each SDG</i>
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*Intended outcome: Provide a platform for participants to discuss their experiences with barriers, incentives and opportunities for the environment and energy SDGs. This is also an opportunity to identify interlinkages and multiple benefits across SDGs.*

**Session 3: Advancing the environment and energy Sustainable Development Goals**

2:30-3:30	<p><b>Innovative ways to advance the environment and energy Sustainable Development Goals</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Peter Cochrane, Regional Councillor, International Union for Conservation of Nature</i></p> <p><i>Panellists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Government representative – Dr Adam Lewis, Branch Head, National Earth &amp; Marine Observations, Geoscience Australia</i></li> <li>• <i>Non-Government representative – Kelly O'Shanassy, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Conservation Foundation</i></li> <li>• <i>Academic representative – Professor Saul Cunningham, Director, Fenner School of Environment and Society, Australian National University</i></li> <li>• <i>Indigenous representative – Geoff Scott, Executive Director, Strategic Resource Management, NSW Aboriginal Land Council</i></li> <li>• <i>Business representative – Sasha Courville, Head of Corporate Responsibility Strategy, National Australia Bank</i></li> </ul>
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*Intended outcome: Opportunity to showcase innovative work underway on the environment and energy SDGs.*

3:30 – 3:45 Afternoon tea

3:45-4:30	<p><b>Building Partnerships for Sustainable Development</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Sean Sullivan, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Australian Committee of the International Union for Conservation of Nature</i></p> <p>Case studies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>The Nature Conservancy and Google: machine learning to tackle poverty and sustain life below water</b> – presented by Rich Gilmore, Country Director, The Nature Conservancy &amp; Shannon Rootsey, Senior Account Manager, Google</li><li>2. <b>Future Planet Partnership</b> – presented by Megan Flynn, Manager of Environment and Carbon Strategy, Qantas Group &amp; Anna Stewart, Head of Corporate Sustainability, ANZ</li><li>3. <b>Australian Business and Biodiversity Initiative</b> – presented by Andrew Petersen, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Business Australia; Tia Stevens, Director, Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy &amp; Cassandra Nichols, Chief Executive Officer, Earthwatch Institute</li></ol>
<p><i>Intended outcome: Understand the mechanisms and platforms available to pursue partnerships and cross-sector collaboration on the SDGs as well as hear examples of multi-stakeholder partnerships in action.</i></p>	
4:30-5:00	<p><b>Key insights and final discussion from the Forum</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Dr Rachel Bacon, First Assistant Secretary, Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy</i></p>
5:00	<p><b>Forum close</b></p>

<b>Networking event - Parkview Room, Doltone House Darling Island</b>	
5:30-6:30	Networking event