



Event Details

Title of Event

Launch of the SDGs Cities Challenge

Organization Details

Organization: The Banksia Foundation

Organization Country: Australia

Summary

The SDG Cities Challenge is a research and engagement project that seeks to contribute to the implementation of key urban SDGs targets and indicators, in particular SDG 11. The Banksia Foundation, the Connected Cities Lab of the University of Melbourne and the Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia are collaborating on this new project with the goal of supporting cities in contributing to and understanding the SDGs. Using SDG 11, “make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable” as our basis, the SDG Cities Challenge will bring a diverse group of local governments from across Australia and Asia Pacific together through common sustainable development challenges. Participating cities (via a local government entity) will be asked to identify local challenges relevant to one or more key SDG 11 target or indicator, and to make a commitment to participate in the 12-month project. The SDG Cities Challenge program is a 10-year program (2020-2030) with an annual symposium that will give the opportunity for participating cities to share their experiences and urban challenges. The first symposium will be held in July 2020 in the faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne. Over the course of a year, paired cities will explore solutions, layout plans for implementation through a researched knowledge exchange process and commit to actions through voluntarily reporting on the SDGs. Cities will be guided through a multidisciplinary, co-designed approach, using expertise across the university of Melbourne and from our industry, university and city partners in Australia and the region. Each step will inform our proposed multi-year research project and awards program, with outputs to include open access publications tailored towards city practitioners and researchers, to widen the impact of lessons learned; commitments to delivering real action; and unique events to increase awareness and uptake of the SDGs.

Other Organization name

1. Connected Cities Lab, University of Melbourne; 2. Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia; 3. United Nations

Prospective moderator, speaker(s) or panelist(s)

	First Name	Last Name	Role	Organization
1	Graz	van Egmond	Panelist	The Banksia Foundation
2	Andrew	Petersen	Panelist	Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia
3	Sarah Forde	Forde	Panelist	Business Council for Sustainable Development Australia
4	Alexei	Trundle	Panelist	Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute, University of Melbourne
5	Eleni	Dellas	Panelist	United Nations
6	Cathy	Oke	Moderator	Connected Cities Lab, University of Melbourne
7	Pablo	Fuentenebro Alonso	Moderator	Connected Cities Lab, University of Melbourne;
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