

# UN at 80 | SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER CONFERENCE

Commemorate 80 years of the United Nations and shape a future of peace, sustainability, and global cooperation at our conference and gala dinner.

Wednesday 22 October 2025, Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sydney

## A world in flux. A legacy at stake. A future to shape.

In the face of armed conflict, accelerating climate change, global inequality, mass displacement and rising disinformation, the international rules-based order is under pressure. Yet amid this uncertainty, the values that gave birth to the United Nations - peace, dignity, equality, and cooperation - remain as vital as ever. This landmark conference brings together global leaders, policymakers, scholars, business innovators, civil society and engaged citizens to reflect on 80 years

of the UN's achievements - and to confront the urgent challenges of the next 20. Through bold ideas, inclusive dialogue, and powerful storytelling, this event will illuminate the path ahead for Australia and the world. Whether you're a changemaker, professional, student or simply someone who cares deeply about the planet and its people, this conference is your invitation to take part in shaping the future.



***“The UN has never been more needed.  
Our values have never been more relevant.  
And the needs have never been greater.”***

**António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General**

## The UN needs allies. The world needs action.

Be part of this milestone event and help build a safer, fairer, more sustainable future.

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## “UN at 80: Shaping Our Future Together” Conference and Gala Dinner Program

9:30	<b>Official Opening</b> Including Welcome to Country <b>Welcome Address</b> Master of Ceremony: To be announced soon!	
9:45	<b>Keynote presentation</b> including video address by <b>Ambassador James Larsen</b> <b>Speaker:</b> To be announced soon!	
10:30	Morning Tea and Networking Session	
11:00	Upholding Dignity: 80 Years of Human Rights Progress Through the United Nations <b>Leanne Smith</b>	Peacebuilding in a Changing World: Australia's Evolving Role Including video address by <b>Maj Gen Cheryl Pearce</b> <b>Speaker:</b> To be announced soon!
11:45	What Role Do Universities Have in Shaping Global Citizens? <b>Prof Simon Barrie, Prof Atilla Brungs, Iris Brown and a Student speaker</b>	Truth Under Fire: Navigating Media Integrity in a Disinformation Age <b>Prof Peter Greste and Karen Percy</b>
12:30	Lunch and Networking Session	
13:30	Health Without Borders: Diplomacy, Policy, and the Future of Global Wellbeing <b>Prof Esperanza Martinez and Dr Lucas de Toca</b>	Innovation, Nature and the Public: The Many Faces of Sustainability <b>Prof Veena Sahajwalla, Dr Vanessa Pirotta and Peter Shmigel</b>
14:15	Human Rights at a Crossroads: Challenges for the Next Decade <b>Hugh de Krester, Justine Nolan and Thomas Mayo, moderated by Ben Lee</b>	Global trends in peace and conflict <b>Steve Killelea AM</b>
15:00	Afternoon Tea and Networking Session	
15:30	The UN at a Crossroads: Leadership, Relevance, and the Road Ahead <b>Ryan Neelam</b> , other speakers to be announced soon!	
16:15	Charting the Next Chapter: The UN at 100 and the Future We Choose <b>Speaker:</b> To be announced soon!	
17:00	Pre-dinner Drinks and Networking	
18:30	Gala dinner	

**Join changemakers from across Australia and beyond.**

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