

Australia Awards – South Asia & Mongolia

Scholars Symposium: Adelaide

Leadership and Changemaking

28 November 2023, Plane Tree Centre Adelaide Zoo

Program

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Time	Program element	Notes
From 0900	Scholars arrive Time for scholar photos and informal networking over tea and coffee	Scholars arrive independently Scholars are welcome to have professional photos taken. Scholars must be seated by 0950
0945	End of photos and attendees seated	All attendees to be seated to start symposium
1000	Acknowledgement of Country and Introduction	Dave Gordge , Deputy Team Leader, Australia Awards – South Asia & Mongolia Objective: To acknowledge Kaurna traditional owners, reiterate Symposium objectives, set expectations to motivate scholars to engage, and outline housekeeping.
1005	Welcome to Country	Frank Wangutya Wanganeen , Kaurna / Nurungga Elder
1010	Keynote speaker	Her Excellency the Hon Frances Adamson AC , Governor of South Australia Objective: For scholars to hear from a prominent Australian leader, and groundbreaking former female diplomat on her experience of leadership and changemaking, particularly for women.
1050	Morning tea	
1110	Changemaking panel discussion <i>Diversity in Leadership amongst Diverse Changemakers</i>	Three to four panellists, which will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Jill Collins, DFAT State Office Director- Ms Johanna Selth, Human Rights Lawyer and Senior Consultant to the World Bank- Dr Anuradha Mundkur, gender expert and Australia Awards – South Asia & Mongolia GEDSI short-term advisor- Mr Nick Schumi, Maven Inclusion Associate and disability advocate Objectives: For scholars to hear from a diverse range of leaders in different fields on their experience of leadership, including on considerations for leaders when seeking to lead from a minority or marginalised group. What can improve one's own leadership? <i>Session facilitated by Chanda Devi Sunar, an Australia Awards scholar from Nepal</i>

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1200	Lunch, networking and last of headshot opportunities	
1300	Scholar Champions program launch	<p>Presented by Dave Gordge, Deputy Team Leader, Australia Awards – South Asia & Mongolia</p> <p>Scholar Champions is a recognition program to incentivise scholar participation in enrichment activities. In a pilot, scholars will be recognised with certification for attending Program events and workshops. Involvement in panels, discussions and volunteer work within the Australian community will be included, enabling scholars to see their Australian professional development experience acknowledged and appreciated.</p>
1310	Scholar panel on linkages	<p>Panellists include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Sarah Cruz, StudyAdelaide representative - Ms Helen Kyriazopoulos, CEO Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia - Mr Muawiyath (Muthu) Mohamed Didi, Australia Awards scholar from Maldives - Mr Saw Vincent Phone Mya, Australia Awards scholar from Myanmar. <p>Objective: This panel will allow scholars to hear from a range of perspectives on how they can make the most of their time to build linkages. Amongst the perspectives shared will be those of experienced scholars who have had internships or received professional development activity grants and StudyAdelaide, which has a range of programs for international students.</p> <p><i>Session facilitated by Lasantha (Sandu) Adikari Gedara, an Australia Awards scholar from Sri Lanka</i></p>
1400	Professional branding exercise	<p>Scholars to work on presentation skills and elevator pitches</p> <p>Facilitated by Dr Bianca Warnock, Coordinator – Scholar Enrichment Program.</p> <p>Objective: This session will enable scholars to work with each to practice introductions and elevator pitches, and present their findings to table groups and the larger group</p>
1440	Afternoon Tea	
1500	Impact planning session	<p>Practical exercise for scholars to consider what they have heard and how they will use it, based on the Australia Awards Linkages Framework.</p> <p>Objective: This session will enable scholars to work with each other to consider their Development Impact and Linkages Plans and time remaining in Australia to undertake revised linkages planning, and present their findings to table groups and the larger group</p>
1555	Closing remarks from scholar	Rakshya Risal, Australia Awards scholar from Nepal to provide closing remarks on behalf of scholar cohort.

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1600	Closing remarks	Dave Gordge , Deputy Team Leader Australia Awards – South Asia & Mongolia Objective: Call to action for scholars to apply their learnings from the Symposium and to close symposium.
1610	Symposium close	