

# australian international education conference6-9 October 2015Adelaide Convention Centre

international education: global responsible sustainable

# **Backgrounder**

## General

Name: 29<sup>th</sup> Australian International Education Conference (AIEC 2015)

Location: Adelaide, South Australia, Australia

Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre

Dates: 6-9 October 2015
Website: www.aiec.idp.com

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## **About AIEC**

The Australian International Education Conference (AIEC) is the major opportunity each year for international education practitioners, teaching staff, researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders to learn about major industry trends and developments and to network with Australian and international colleagues.

The conference attracts experts from all education sectors, including English language, schools, higher education and vocational education and training, as well as government representatives, NGO staff and private providers.

The conference is supported by a joint IDP Education and IEAA Conference Advisory Committee.

## AIEC co-hosts

The Conference is jointly presented by the International Education Association of Australia (IEAA) and IDP Education.

#### IDP Education Ltd - www.idp.com

A world leader in international student placement services, IDP Education is an Australian organisation assisting international students to find the overseas study options best aligned to their goals. With a proud history spanning over 45 years, IDP Education has continued to diversify to meet the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly sophisticated international education community.

The organisation represents education institutions across key sectors, (including tertiary, vocational, ELICOS and schools) and ensures that high quality fee-paying students are placed into suitable courses across Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada and New Zealand. IDP Education is a proud co-owner of IELTS (International English Language Testing System), the world's most popular high stakes English language test, and is involved in English language teaching in Southeast Asia.

IDP Education founded AIEC in 1986.

#### International Education Association of Australia - www.ieaa.org.au

IEAA is Australia's leading international education professional organisation. IEAA strives to empower professionals, engage institutions and enhance Australia's reputation as a provider of world-class education.

We serve the needs and interests of professional staff and academics who work in international education. Through networking and professional development events – including workshops, seminars and symposia – we empower individuals and encourage best practice among education institutions.

IEAA works in close collaboration with industry stakeholders, affiliated peak bodies and all levels of government. We also have an active research program and public policy agenda.

# AIEC delegate profile

AIEC attracts national and international education experts in a number of sectors, including English language, schools, university and vocational education, as well as media, government and public and private sectors. On average, 15 per cent of attendees come from overseas. About two thirds of Australian attendees are from NSW and Victoria.

For details, please visit www.aiec.idp.com/who-attends

Download the current AIEC delegate and organisation lists at www.aiec.idp.com/who-is-coming

## Attendees (Adelaide)

The conference in Adelaide is expected to attract approximately:

- 1100 attendees
- 31 exhibitors
- 175+ speakers

## **Theme**

#### International education: global, responsible, sustainable

AIEC 2015 will focus on the challenges facing international education's contribution to a sustainable, harmonious, just and global community as well as the sustainability of our industry itself. We are witnessing an unprecedented acceleration of globalisation with fundamental and sometimes adverse impacts on all peoples and on all communities. Our interconnectedness, our mutual reliance and the global issues we face have never been greater. Generation G and millennial students expect to gain employment in a dynamic, uncertain, globalised environment while being increasingly motivated to make a positive difference in the world in which they live and work.

AIEC 2015 will challenge our motivations and our practices as international education professionals and explore the role of international education in fostering responsibility and sustainability at the global, regional, national and institutional levels. We will focus on innovations and initiatives to counter increasing global insecurity, inequality and environmental challenges. We will ask how we can best sustain the international education sector to ensure the broader sustainability of the world and its communities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

# Keynote and invited speakers

Confirmed keynotes and plenary speakers:

#### Tuesday 6 October

• **Dr Phoebe Wynn-Pope**, Director International Humanitarian Law and Movement Relations, Australian Red Cross.

#### Wednesday7 October

- Mr Peter Thompson, educator, broadcaster, author and communication consultant (Q&A panel moderator)
- **Prof Arjen Wals**, Arjen Wals Professor at Wageningen University (Netherlands), Professor Gothenburg University (Sweden), and UNESCO Chair of Social Learning and Sustainable Development

#### Thursday 8 October

His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, Governor of South Australia

#### Friday 9 October

- The Hon. Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training
- Ms Annabel Crabb, writer, broadcaster and columnist, ABC
- Senator Penny Wong, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Shadow Minister for Trade and Investment, Australian Labour Party

Please see updates here www.aiec.idp.com/speakers

## **Program**

AIEC 2015 will feature:

- 5 plenary sessions (including opening and closing ceremonies)
- 64 concurrent sessions
- 10 workshops
- 1 international research roundtable
- 1 poster exhibition on all three days of the conference
- 1 trade exhibition on all three days of the conference
- social events on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings

For details, please visit www.aiec.idp.com/program.

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