



International Roundtable on Metropolitan Governance

Sydney, 14-15 December 2009

Theme

The Roundtable will focus on issues arising from the fragmented governance and planning of metropolitan regions: how can intergovernmental relations and service delivery be enhanced? What is the international experience with different governance models - metro councils, inter-municipal cooperation, special-purpose authorities, direct management by state or national governments etc?

The Roundtable will build on recent Forum of Federations projects on local government and metropolitan regions, and intergovernmental relations in federations. It offers an opportunity for input both to next year's World Urban Forum, and also to the work of the Major Cities Unit, Infrastructure Australia, in formulating national urban policy.

Program

Monday 14 December (at the University of Technology, Sydney – Gallery Function Centre, Level 6, Tower Building, Broadway) 5.00 – 9.30pm

- 5.00 Refreshments
- 5.30 Welcome by Professor Ross Milbourne, UTS Vice Chancellor, and Hon Margaret Reynolds, ACELG Chairperson
- 5.40 Official opening by Hon Anthony Albanese, Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- 6.10 Introduction by Rupak Chattopadhyay, Vice President, Forum of Federations
- 6.20 Presentation of Background Paper (Infrastructure Australia – Major Cities Unit)
- 7.30 Dinner hosted by Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government

Tuesday 15 December (at Infrastructure Australia, 126 Phillip Street, Sydney) 8.30am – 4.30pm

- 8.30 Refreshments
- 8.45 Welcome by Michael Deegan, Infrastructure Coordinator, Infrastructure Australia
- 8.50 Introduction by Graham Sansom, Director, ACELG
- 9.00 Panel Session 1: Canada and USA
- 10.30 Morning Tea
- 11.00 Panel Session 2: South Africa and India
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.10 Panel Session 3: New Zealand and Australia
- 2.40 Afternoon Tea
- 3.00 Roundtable Discussion
- 4.00 Summary and Next Steps
- 4.30 Close

Presenters

Andrew Boraine is the Chief Executive of the Cape Town Partnership, a public-private partnership coordinating the regeneration of the central city. He is a former City Manager of Cape Town, a senior adviser to the South African government, and was the founding chairperson of the South African Cities Network, a grouping of country's major metropolitan municipalities.

Rupak Chattopadhyay is Vice President (Governance Programs) of the Forum of Federations. He worked previously as a policy adviser to a wide range of business organisations in India, Africa and Europe. At the Forum he sits on the editorial board of the *Global Dialogue on Federalism* and recently edited.

Dorte Ekelund is Executive Director of the Major Cities Unit at Infrastructure Australia. Previously she was Deputy Director General of the Western Australia Department for Planning and Infrastructure, Deputy Chief Planning Executive for the ACT Planning and Land Authority, and a senior planner in local government.

Mike Reid is Manager-Governance with Local Government New Zealand (the national association). He deals with a broad range of governance issues including funding, social policy, legislation and local democracy. He was previously community adviser with Christchurch City Council and has also worked in a number of third sector agencies.

Graham Sansom is Director of the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government and the UTS Centre for Local Government. He is a former chief executive of the Australian Local Government Association, and is currently a member of the board of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum and the steering committee of the Australian Council of Local Government.

Dalbir Singh is National Secretary of the Indian National Congress. He has specialized in the areas of urban governance and cooperative federalism, and is a member of the Foundation for Public Policy and Governance, the National Task Force on Local Governance and Decentralization of Power, and the Central Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Urban Development.

Enid Slack is Director of the Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance at University of Toronto. She specialises in municipal, education and intergovernmental finance, and is a member of the steering committee of the Ontario Centre for Municipal Best Practices. She co-edited *Finance and Governance of Capital Cities in Federal Systems* with Rupak Chattopadhyay.

Ron Vogel is Professor of Political Science and Urban and Public Affairs at the University of Louisville, Kentucky. He has undertaken comparative research on metropolitan governance in the United States and Japan and has worked extensively in the areas of metropolitan planning, regionalism and decentralisation. He is the author of *Political Change in the Metropolis*.