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Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Forum
of National Human Rights Institutions

Four Points by Sheraton, Darling Harbour
Sydney, Australia, 24–27 September 2007

DAY 1: MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2007

Please note that Monday 24th September is reserved for the Meetings of the Advisory Council of Jurists (ACJ) and the Senior Executive Officers (SEO) only

- 8:00 – 9:30 **Registration for ACJ and SEO delegates**
Registration in Bridge Room 1 for ACJ members and in Bridge Room 2 for SEO delegates
- 10:00 – 1:00 **ACJ Meeting**
Venue: Bridge Room 1, Level 1
ACJ will meet in Bridge Room 1 from 24th to noon 27th September
- 10:00 – 1:00 **SEO Meeting**
Venue: Bridge Room 2, Level 1
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Morning tea (SEO in Bridge room 2)**
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Lunch**
Venue: Corn Exchange Restaurant, Ground Floor
- 2:00 – 4:30 **ACJ Meeting, cont'd**
Venue: Bridge Room 1, Level 1
- 3:00 – 3:30 **Afternoon tea (ACJ in Bridge room 1; SEO in Bridge room 2)**
- 2:00 – 4:30 **SEO Meeting, cont'd**
Venue: Bridge Room 2, Level 1
- 3:00 – 5:00 **Registration for APF members and registered observers**
Pre-Function area (next to hotel reception)
- Evening** **Sydney Harbour Cruise for APF and ACJ members**
- 5:15 APF members and ACJ meet in hotel reception
at 5.15pm **sharp** please.
- 5:30 – 7:30 Cocktail cruise for APF and ACJ members
Hosted by Mr John von Doussa QC,
President, Australian Human Rights
and Equal Opportunity
Commission (HREOC)



DAY 2: TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2007

8:00 – 9:30	<p>Registration for APF members and registered observers <i>Registration: Ballroom Foyer, Ground Floor</i></p>				
9:30 – 1:00	<p>APF Forum Councillors Meeting <i>Venue: Ballrooms 2 and 3, Ground Floor</i></p> <p>Chair: South Korean Human Rights Commission</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of Attendance (Chairperson) Adoption of Agenda (Chairperson) Election of new APF Chairperson (secretariat) Rules of Procedure (secretariat) Discussion re: Twelfth Annual Conference (secretariat) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation of agenda and speakers Concluding Statement 				
10:30	<p>Morning tea <i>Venue: Ballroom foyer</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> International Coordinating Committee (Chairperson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report by Ms Jennifer Lynch QC, ICC Chairperson on ICC Bureau Meeting held in Geneva Report of the APF representative to the ICC Accreditation Sub-Committee on its 2007 session (South Korea) Other Business Membership Applications (Chairperson) Advisory Council of Jurists (Chairperson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2008 Reference 				
1:00 – 2:00	<p>Lunch <i>Venue: Corn Exchange Restaurant, Ground Floor</i></p>				
2:00 – 4:00	<p>Registration desk open for registered observers <i>Registration: Ballroom Foyer, Ground Floor</i></p>				
2:00 – 5:00	<p>APF Forum Councillors Meeting, cont'd. <i>Venue: Ballrooms 2 and 3, Ground Floor</i></p>				
					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Report back from Members on APF activities (Chairperson) NHRIs & the Human Rights Council (India) Report back from SEO meeting (Chairperson) Location of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting (Chairperson)
		3:00			<p>Afternoon tea <i>Venue: Ballroom foyer</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Election of APF Deputy Chairpersons (Chairperson) APF Annual Plan for 2008 (secretariat) Discussion of APF Directors and Financial Report (secretariat) General Business <p>APF Annual General Meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of APF Directors Report (secretariat) Adoption of APF Financial Report (secretariat) Discussion and Adoption of APF Auditors Report (Auditor)
					<p>Evening</p> <p>Opening Ceremony and Dinner <i>Venue: Simmer on the Bay</i></p>
		6:00			All participants are requested to meet in the hotel lobby by 6.00pm sharp please.
		6:10			Departure by Ferry to Opening Ceremony
		6:30			Arrival at Simmer on the Bay
		7:00 – 10:15			<p>Opening Ceremony, Speeches, Cultural Performances and Dinner</p> <p><i>Opening Speech</i> Mr John von Doussa QC President, HREOC</p> <p><i>Keynote Speech</i> The Hon Philip Ruddock MP Attorney General of Australia</p> <p>Master of Ceremonies, Commissioner Graeme Innes AM</p>
		10:20			Departure by Ferry to Four Points by Sheraton Hotel



DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2007

APF CONFERENCE

Conference Sessions – APF Members and Registered Observers

All day venue: Ballroom, Ground Floor

- 8:00 – 9:00 **Registration desk open for registered observers**
Registration: Ballroom Foyer, Ground Floor
- 9:00 – 9:20 **Opening**
- 9:00 – 9:10 **Address by Ms Louise Arbour
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**
*Delivered by Mr Gianni Magazzeni
Senior Human Rights Officer and
Coordinator of the National Institutions
Unit, UN Office of the High Commissioner
for Human Rights*
- 9:10 – 9:20 **Summary of APF Councillors meeting
by Chair, Mr John von Doussa QC,
President, HREOC**
- 9:20 – 11:00 **Reports from APF Members**
*Chair: Mr John von Doussa QC,
President, HREOC*

Note 1: APF members to electronically submit written report to APF Secretariat by (27 August 2007) for distribution and publication on website.

Note 2: Speakers will be asked to highlight developments/challenges or achievements from the preceding 12 months and will be stopped after 5 minutes. Speakers may also wish to highlight follow up activities from previous ACJ references.

Full Members

Afghanistan
Australia
India
Indonesia
Malaysia
Mongolia
Nepal
New Zealand
Philippines
Republic of Korea
Sri Lanka
Thailand

Candidate Members

Timor-Leste

Associate Members

Jordan
Maldives (TBC)
Palestine
Qatar

- 11:00 – 11:30 **Morning Tea**
Venue: Ballroom Foyer
- 11:30 – 1:00 **Open discussions on the reports from APF members**
*Chair: Mr Tom Calma,
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Social Justice Commissioner, HREOC*
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Lunch**
Venue: Corn Exchange Restaurant, Ground Floor
- 2:00 – 3:00 **Regional Cooperation between National Human Rights Institutions**

This new agenda item provides an opportunity for NHRIs to advise the meeting of bilateral and/or multilateral activities between NHRIs.

*Chair: Justice Rajendra Babu,
Chairperson, National Human Rights
Commission of India*
- 3:00 – 3:30 **Interventions from Asia Pacific Governments**
*Chair: Professor Kyong-whan Ahn,
President, South Korean National Human
Rights Commission*
- 3:30 – 4:00 **Afternoon Tea**
Venue: Ballroom Foyer
- 4:00 – 4:30 **Report from Non-Governmental Organisations**
*Chair: Dr Purificacion Quisumbing,
Chairperson, Commission on Human
Rights, Philippines*
- 4:00 – 4:05 Representative, International Service for Human Rights
- 4:05 - 4:10 Representative, Forum Asia
- 4:10 – 4:25 Representatives from three national NGOs (5 minutes each)
- 4:30 – 5:00 **Open Discussion – Questions and Answer Session**
- Evening**
- APF and ACJ Members Dinner**
Venue: Bennelong Restaurant, Opera House.
- 6:15 APF Members (head of delegation) and ACJ jurists are requested to meet in Ballroom foyer at 6.15pm **sharp** please
- 7:00 – 10:00 Private dinner for APF Members (Head of Delegations) and the ACJ hosted by Mr John von Doussa QC, President, HREOC.



DAY 4: THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2007

APF CONFERENCE

Conference Sessions – APF Members and Registered Observers

All day venue: Ballroom, Ground Floor

9:00 – 9:30 **Role of National Human Rights Institutions in Promoting and Protecting the Rights of People with Disabilities**

*Chair: Mr Graeme Innes AM,
Acting Disability Discrimination Commissioner, HREOC*

9:00 – 9:10 Ms Jennifer Lynch QC, Chairperson, International Coordinating Committee

9:10 – 9:20 Shri Y.S.R. Murthy, Director (Research), National Human Rights Commission of India

9:20 – 9:30 Ms Rosemary Kayess, President, Disability Studies and Research Institute

9:30 – 10:30 **Open Discussion on Disability Issues**

10:30 – 11:00 **Morning tea**

Venue: Ballroom Foyer

11:00 – 12:30 **Open Discussion on Disability Issues, cont'd**

*Chair: Mr Graeme Innes AM,
Acting Disability Discrimination Commissioner, HREOC*

12:30 – 1:30 **Lunch**

Venue: Corn Exchange Restaurant, Ground Floor

1:30 – 2:00 **ACJ Reference on Environment**

*Chair: Mr Simon Sipaun,
Vice Chairman, National Human Rights Commission of Malaysia*

Report from the Advisory Council of Jurists
Representatives, Advisory Council of Jurists

2:00 – 3:00 **Open Discussion on Report – Questions and Answers**

3:00 – 3:30 **Afternoon tea**

Venue: Ballroom Foyer

3:30 – 4:30 **CLOSED SESSION (Forum Councillors)**

Venue: Wharf Room I & II

Final Drafting of the Concluding Statement

3:30 – 4:30 APF DVD on National Inquiries

Venue: Ballroom, Ground Floor

4:30 – 5:00 **FINAL CONFERENCE STATEMENT**

Venue: Ballroom, Ground Floor

*Chair: Mr John von Doussa QC
President, HREOC*

Adoption of Final Conference Statement

Farewell drinks

Venue: Ballroom Foyer, Ground Floor

Note 3: The Advisory Council of Jurists will meet separately before joining the conference proceedings of the last day. The dates of the ACJ meeting are 24th to 26th September and will be held in Bridge Room 1

Note 4: On Friday 28th September HREOC will host briefing sessions on its work program at its Sydney office for APF and ACJ members to attend.