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TOWARDS A NEW AUSTRALIAN REFUGEE POLICY

– DOES THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT PROVIDE A WAY FORWARD?

UNAA Victoria and the Immigration Museum invite you to this important panel discussion following the endorsement of the Global Compact on Refugees in the UN General Assembly in December.

The Compact (<https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/refugees-compact>) is being hailed as a new comprehensive response framework for large-scale refugee movements globally which, when adopted, will provide a blueprint for a stronger, fairer, more predictable and sustainable international response built on responsibility and burden-sharing.

How should the Compact be understood and approached in Australia and what is its importance, particularly as we approach a Federal Election which could lead to revision of Australia's refugee policies and programs?

Expert speakers will look at how the Compact might be applied in the specific Australian context and the implications of this for revitalising refugee protection systems in Australia.

> PANELLISTS

- > Erika Feller, former UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner and now Professorial Fellow, Melbourne University, and UNAA Goodwill Ambassador on Refugees
- > Paris Aristotle AO, Chair of the Settlement Services Advisory Council
- > Dr Sonja Hood, CEO, Community Hubs Australia
- > Fiona Patten MP, Leader of Reason

> DETAILS

WHEN: 5.30-7pm, Thursday 14 March

WHERE: Immigration Museum, Flinders St Melbourne

TICKETS: \$25 General Admission \$20 UNAA Victoria/Museums Victoria members/Students

REGISTRATION: <https://bit.ly/2FDN5Bi>

**IMMIGRATION
MUSEUM**

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals are a "universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity".

The 17 goals – and their related targets – are, by their nature, based on a global agenda so are they relevant to Victoria? If so, what is being done or planned? Can we set and achieve local targets?

In 2019, Deakin University and UNAA Victoria are running a year of events to discuss the SDGs in a local context. Check UNAA Victoria website for details.



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