



BREAKTHROUGH



A new initiative to support women's empowerment and social transformation

Asia Pacific Breakthrough: The Women, Faith and Development Summit to End Global Poverty

Asia Pacific Breakthrough is a call to action for women living in poverty.

You are especially invited to attend this global Summit, which will be held in Melbourne on December 2nd and 3rd, on the eve of the Parliament of the World's Religions.

With only 8 weeks to go, **REGISTER NOW** to ensure you're part of the Breakthrough.

Space is limited and early registration is essential.

COST:

Full Summit, 2nd – 3rd December 2009: \$400

Day 1 Only, 2nd December 2009: \$250

Targets for reaching Millennium Development Goals 3 and 5, women's equality and maternal health, are significantly off track in Asia Pacific. Breakthrough aims to build a new movement across all levels of community – from the grassroots to leadership – to reinvigorate collective energy to reach the MDGs.

Faith communities, development actors and women's groups are critical to reaching these goals. We hope you can contribute to this international dialogue by joining us at the Asia Pacific Breakthrough Summit and being part of the new Women, Faith and Development Alliance.

Breakthrough aims to:

- Announce new commitments and investments for women and girls
- Highlight the priorities needed to reach the MDGs
- Convene an Asia Pacific Women, Faith and Development Alliance.

More than 20 national and international leaders will speak and participate in this Summit, including:

- Sister Joan Chittister OSB of the Global Peace Initiative of Women, New York
- Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, General Secretary, World YWCA
- Dr Musdah Mulia, Chairperson of Indonesian Conference on Religion and Peace (ICRP)
- Jackie Ogega, Director, Religions for Peace, New York
- Hon Dame Carol Kidu, CBE, MP, Minister for Community Development and Religion and Sports, Papua New Guinea
- Hon Mr Bob McMullan MP, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance
- Jane Sloane, Executive Director, International Women's Development Agency
- Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls, Coordinator, femLINKPACIFIC, Fiji
- Dina Lumbantobing, Women's Crisis Center, PESADA, Indonesia
- Rev Tim Costello, Executive Director, World Vision
- Dr Julia Newton-Howes, Chief Executive Officer, Care Australia
- Andrew Hewett, Executive Director, Oxfam.

Asia Pacific Breakthrough is an initiative spearheaded in the Asia-Pacific region by IWDA, in collaboration with key faith, women's and development organisations including Care Australia, PLAN Australia, Salvation Army, UNIFEM, World Vision Australia, Global Peace Initiative of Women, United Nations Association of Australia, Oxfam and the World YWCA. Supporting partners include AusAID, the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet, and Melbourne City Council.

Pre-Summit Events

Consultations and pre-summit events will be taking place in the lead up to Asia Pacific Breakthrough. You are invited to attend and participate at these free events.

Sydney:

October 16, Lowy Institute

Register your interest

Melbourne:

October 18, Christ Church Kensington, 76 McCracken St,

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The Asia Pacific Women, Faith and Development Alliance

The purpose of the new alliance is to mobilise the energies of the women, faith and development communities and ensure greater effectiveness by exploring opportunities for increased partnerships and collaborations. It will also work to engage and attract new partners from the private sector to the common goal of ending poverty by empowering women.

In April 2008, international leaders in Washington pledged US\$1.4 billion and launched a new alliance to work together to refocus efforts to reduce poverty for women and girls. Asia Pacific Breakthrough is the next step in this global movement.

To review the full program, visit the Breakthrough website, www.breakthrough2009.com.au

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PRESENTING PARTNER:



PRINCIPAL PARTNERS:



PARTNERS:



SUPPORTERS:

- Salvation Army • UNAA • World YWCA • UNIFEM
Global Peace Initiative of Women • Australian Baha'i Community • Caritas

By way of background, the Asia Pacific Women, Faith and Development Alliance is modelled on the pioneering Women, Faith and Development Alliance founded in Washington. This unique partnership of internationally focused faith, development, and women's organisations is dedicated to engendering global efforts to reduce poverty by increasing political will and action to increase investments in women's and girls' empowerment around the world.

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The Asia Pacific Women, Faith and Development Alliance will be launched at the Asia Pacific Breakthrough: The Women, Faith and Development Summit to End Global Poverty, which will take place in Melbourne on December 2nd and 3rd, 2009 on the eve of the Parliament of the World's Religions.

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