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of the Convention –
where to from here?



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RNZYS
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PROGRAMME



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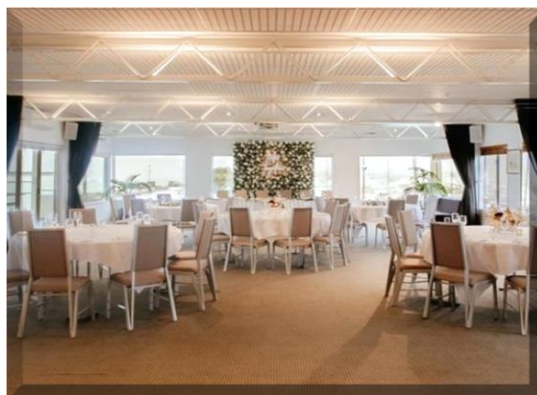
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THE PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP**The Quarterdeck, RNZYS - 25 November 2026**

8:15-8:45	Check-in, early registration, and coffee
8:45 – 9:00 (15m)	Introduction and Karakia Judge Martin Treadwell, Chair, Immigration and Protection Tribunal, NZ
9:00 – 10:00 (1 hr)	Running a Hearing – Fairness and Efficiency (tbc)
10:00 – 10:45 (45m)	Social Media and the Keyboard Warrior Louise Moor, Head of Protection Stream, Immigration and Protection Tribunal, NZ
10:45 – 11:00 (15m)	Morning tea
11:00 – 12:00 (1 hr)	Internal Protection/IFA and the Reasonableness Battleground - Fraser Robertson, Administrative Review Tribunal, Au - Judge Declan O'Callaghan, AIT (UT), UK
12:00 – 1:00 (1 hr)	Climate, Migration and Protection Pathways Working Party Bruce Burson
1:00 – 2:00 (1 hr)	Lunch
2:00 – 3:00 (1 hr)	Assessing Merit in Claims – Processes and Safeguards - Judge Martin Treadwell, Chair, Immigration and Protection Tribunal, NZ - Sean Baker, Senior Member, Administrative Review Tribunal, Au
3:00 – 3:15 (15m)	Afternoon tea
3:15 – 4:00 (45m)	Access to Work and Education in South-East Asia - Atty Paulito De Jesus, Refugees and Stateless Persons Protection Unit, Department of Justice of The Philippines - Representative from Thailand (tbc)
4:00 – 5:00 (1 hr)	Deportation and “one’s own country” - Andrew Molloy, Member, IPT, NZ - Yukari Ando, Tamoya University, Japan
5:00 – 6:00pm	Drinks and canapés on the Terrace

*The Conference Venue – The Quarterdeck at the RNZYS*

THE CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE DAY 1 – Thursday, 26 November 2026

8:00 – 8:30 (30m)	Powhiri – gather in lobby of RNZYS by 7.55am	
8:30 – 8:45 (15m)	Registration and coffee	
8:45 – 9:30 (45m)	Session 1 (Chair: Judge Joy Torres, Chapter President) Opening Ceremony - Justice Russel Zinn, President, IARMJ - Katherine Cox, Assistant Protection Officer, UNHCR Multi-Country Office, Canberra	
9:30 – 10:30 (1 hr)	Session 2 (Chair: (tbc)) The Bali Process in Practice: Strengthening access to international protection - Indah Nuria Savitri, Director, Human Rights and Migration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia - Ben Reeves, Co-Manager, Regional Support Office of the Bali Process	
10:40 – 11:00 (30m)	Conference photo and refreshments	
11:00 – 12:00 (1 hr)	Session 4 (Chair: (tbc)) The Role of Domestic Courts in non-signatory countries Justice Babar Sattar, Peshawar High Court, Pakistan	
12:00 – 1:00 (1 hr)	Session 3 (Chair: (tbc)) Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan - Justice Susan Glazebrook, Supreme Court of New Zealand - Raihana Ataee, former judge of the Court of Elimination of Violence Against Women, Afghanistan Nangarhar province	
1:00 – 2:30 (1hr 30m)	Lunch / Women Judges Lunch ((tbc) to preside)	
2:30 – 3:30 (1 hr)	Session 5 Breakouts (Moderator: (tbc))	
	A. Intimate Partner Violence – Nexus, the Continuum and Threats - Sharelle Aitchison, Member, IPT, NZ - Adrienne Anderson, Member, ART, Au	B. Heuristics and Bias Judge Joy Torres, Philippines
3:30 – 3:45 (15m)	Breakouts – reporting back	
3:45 – 4:00 (15m)	Refreshments	
4:00 – 5:00 (1 hr)	Session 6 (Chair (tbc)) Decision-Makers and AI: Friend or Foe? - Judicial Registrar Christine Cody, Federal Court, Au - Judge John Keith, AIT (UT), UK	
7:00	Official Conference Dinner at Sky Tower (Meet at SkyBar at 7pm for pre-dinner drinks before dinner at 8pm)	

CONFERENCE DAY 2 – Friday, 27 November 2026

7:00 – 8:00 (1 hr)	President's breakfast (by invitation)
8:30 – 10:00 (1 hr 30m)	Session 7 (Chair: Louise Moor) Psychological Research on Credibility Professor Hilary Evans Cameron, Toronto Metropolitan University
10:00 – 11:00 (1 hr)	Session 8 (Chair: Bruce Burson) Human Security Nexus in Asia Pacific in Terms of Geo-Political Dynamics Dr Anna Powles, Centre for Defence and Security Studies, Massey University
11:00 – 11:30 (30m)	Refreshments
11:30 – 12:15 (45m)	Session 9 (Chair: Justice Ramon P Hernando, Philippines) Advancing Protection in ASEAN - Professor Prapaporn Tivayanond Mongkhonvanit, Thailand Representative for Children's Rights to ACWC, ASEAN Commission on the Promotion & Protection of the Rights of Women & Children - State Counsel Melvin Suarez, Senior Protection Officer, DOJ-RSPPU - Representative from Thailand (tbc)
12:15 – 1:15 (1hr)	Session 10 (Chair: (tbc)) Determining Character Judge Arran Gerrard, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
1:15 – 2:15 (1 hr)	Lunch
2:15 – 3:15 (1 hr)	Session 11 (Chair: Debra Smallholme) Empathy – Frenemy of the Decision-Maker Larissa Wakim, Immigration and Protection Tribunal, NZ
3:15 – 3:45 (30m)	Refreshments
3:45 – 4:45 (1 hr)	Session 12 (Convenor: Sean Baker) After 75 Years, Where to From Here? – A Panel Discussion - Judge Declan O'Callaghan, AIT (UT), UK - Simone Burford, Deputy President, ART - Professor Hilary Evans Cameron, Toronto Metropolitan University - Sedfrey Candelaria, Philippines Judicial Academy (tbc) - Katherine Cox, Assistant Protection Officer, UNHCR Multi-Country Office, Canberra
4:45 – 5:15 (30m)	Closing Remarks – Judge Joy Torres followed by Chapter Annual General Meeting