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75 years

of the Convention –
where to from here?



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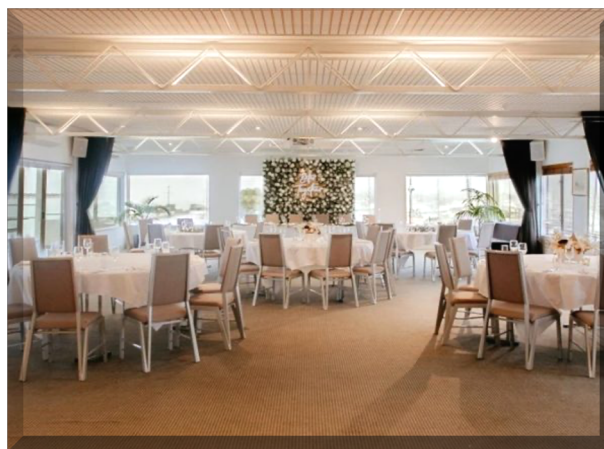
PROGRAMME



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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 (15 mins)	Introduction and Karakia Judge Martin Treadwell, Chair, Immigration and Protection Tribunal, NZ
9:00-10:00 (1 hr)	[tba]
10:00-10:45 (45 mins)	Social Media and the Keyboard Warrior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shayar Roushan, Deputy President, Administrative Review Tribunal, Au
12:00-1:00 (1 hr)	Climate, Migration and Protection Pathways Working Party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce Burson
1:00-2:00	Lunch
2:00-3:00 (1 hr)	Hopeless Claims – Processes and Safeguards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (45 mins)	Access to Work and Education in Transit Hubs (South East Asia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (tbc)
4:00-5:00 (1 hr)	Exclusion – Serious Non-political Crimes and Fraud <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fraser Robertson, Administrative Review Tribunal, Au
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**

8:30 – 9:00 (30m)	Registration and coffee	
9:00 – 9:45 (45mins)	Session 1 (Chair: Judge Joy Torres, Chapter President) Opening Ceremony - Powhiri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote speaker tbc 	
9:45 -10:45 (1 hr)	Session 2 Breakout Sessions (Moderator: (tbc))	
	A. Intimate Partner Violence – Nexus, the Continuum and Threats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharelle Aitchison, Member, IPT, NZ • Adrienne Anderson, Member, ART, Au 	B. Heuristics and Bias <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Joy Torres, Philippines
10:45 – 11:00 (15 mins)	Breakouts – reporting back	
11:00 – 11:30 (30 mins)	Conference photo (photographer:) and refreshments	
11:30 – 12:30 (1 hr)	Session 3 (Chair: (tbc)) Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice Susan Glazebrook, Supreme Court of New Zealand • Raihana Atae, former judge of the Court of Elimination of Violence Against Women, Afghanistan Nangarhar province 	
12:30-2:00 (1hr 30 mins)	Lunch / Women Judges Lunch ((tbc) to preside)	
2:00 – 3:00 (1 hr)	Session 5 Breakout Sessions (Moderator: (tbc))	
	C. Re-examining the Bali Process within the context of asylum and human trafficking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (tbc) 	D. Deportation and “one’s own country” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Molloy, Member, IPT, NZ • Yukari Ando, Tamoya University, Japan
3:00 – 3:15 (15 mins)	Breakouts – reporting back	
3:15– 3:45 (30 mins)	Refreshments	
3:45 – 4:45 (1 hr)	Session 6 (Chair) AI in the Hands of Decision-Makers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, 26 November 2024

7:00 – 8:00 (1 hr)	President's breakfast
8:30 – 10:00 (1 hr 30 mins)	Session 7 (Chair: Louise Moor, NZ) Psychological Research on Credibility <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Hilary Evans Cameron, University of Toronto
10:00 – 11:00 (1 hr)	Session 8 (Chair: Bruce Burson, NZ) Human Security Nexus in Asia Pacific in Terms of Geo-Political Dynamics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Anna Powles, Centre for Defence and Security Studies, Massey University
11:00 – 11:30 (30 mins)	Refreshments
11:30 – 12:15 (45 mins)	Session 9 (Chair: Justice Ramon P Hernando, Philippines) ASEAN Framework Gaps and Moving Forward and Strengthening ASEAN mechanisms <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judge Martin Treadwell, Chair, Immigration and Protection Tribunal, NZ
12:15 – 1:15 (1hr)	Session 10 (Chair: (tbc)) Determining Character <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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, NZ) Empathy – Frenemy of the Decision-Maker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Larissa Wakim, Immigration and Protection Tribunal, NZ
3:15– 3:45 (30 mins)	Refreshments
3:45 – 4:45 (1 hr)	Session 12 (Convenor: Sean Baker) After 75 Years, Where to From Here? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel of academics, UNHCR, judges, NGOs looking at how the Convention can remain relevant
4:45 – 5:15 (30 mins)	Closing Remarks – Judge Joy Torres followed by Chapter Annual General Meeting