

MEDIA ALERT

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Multifaith Forum: Building Community Together

The Australian Partnership of Religious Organisations (APRO) is hosting its third national multifaith forum on **Tuesday 16 June in Adelaide, SA.**

Mr Hieu Van Le, Lieutenant Governor of South Australia and Chairman of the South Australian Ethnic Affairs Commission will provide the keynote address on *Faith, Community and Inclusiveness – A South Australian Perspective.*

Local state faith and religious groups will join with members of APRO, Australia's peak multifaith body, to identify opportunities to strengthen relationships between the faith communities through dialogue, interaction and cooperation.

The program includes a panel discussion on: *The role of interfaith dialogue in building community and facilitating social and religious harmony.* Panellists are: Reverend Tara Curlewis, National Council of Churches Australia; Imam Khalid Yousef, Adelaide Mosque; Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky, Beth Shalom Synagogue; Katina Jones, Office of Equality, Australian Baha'i Community; Venerable Thay Thong Phap, Buddhist Chaplain, Flinders University; Jessie Kaur Singh, Sikh Council of Australia and Mr Siva Selva, Hindu Society of SA.

"Dialogue Circles", Chaired by the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia's interfaith advisor Josie Lacey, will cover a diverse range of topics within a human rights framework. These include: freedom of religion and belief, addressing religious prejudice and vilification; education; the media; and climate change.

The forum is sponsored by the Australian Human Rights Commission and the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia, and is hosted by the Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia.

WHAT: APRO Multifaith Forum: Building Community Together

WHEN: Tuesday 16 June, 9am – 4.30pm

WHERE: Migrant Resource Centre of SA, 59 King William Street, Adelaide

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