Crawford Fund 2023 Annual Conference
Conference Scholars’ Program

Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Avenue, Ainslie

DAY 1, Monday, 4 September
12.00pm - 5.00pm

11.15 Buses from Pinnacle Apartments, Kingston to Ainslie Football Club for those already checked in to hotel.

11.20 Mentor Bus from QT Hotel to Ainslie Football Club for those already checked in.
Luggage collected from Ainslie FC and returned to Pinnacle Apartments for scholars travelling direct from airport.
Please note that security clearance has been prearranged by providing the club with your name and contact details. Your name will be checked on a master list. Any problems you will need photo ID (eg drivers licence).

11.30 REGISTRATION AND FINDING YOUR MENTOR

12.00 LUNCH
The Crawford Fund Scholars and Mentors meet over quick lunch.

12.30 WELCOME
Cathy Reade, Director of Outreach and NextGen Program, Crawford Fund welcomes the group and Belinda Nielsen, President, RAID Network explains the day ahead.

12.40 “WHY INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH?”
Chair: Cathy Reade
The Hon John Anderson AC, Chair of the Crawford Fund, farmer and former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia

12.50 HOW TO BREAK INTO INTERNATIONAL AG RESEARCH—OVERSEAS & AT HOME
Chair: Belinda Nielsen, President, RAID
1. The international network and opportunities
   Dr Élaine Ubalijoro, Chief Executive Officer of the Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry
2. The Australian network and opportunities
   Dr Deirdre Lemerle, Crawford Fund Laos Program Mentor, Former Director, Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation Charles Sturt University

COMBINED Q&A
1.25  **SPEED MEET INTERNATIONAL AG SCIENTISTS, RAIDERS, VOLUNTEERS & ACIAR GRADS**
Scholars gather with mentors to meet others in their general area of interest - speed dating style - check your lanyard for colour coding for your group
*Chair:* Jessica Fearnley, RAID Vice President with each table having one of these RAID member facilitators: Megan Williams, Mikayla Hyland-Wood, Alex Russell, Camilla Humphries, Anna Mackintosh, Belinda Nielsen, Aditya Baxti, Mike Scobie, Bridget Mullany, Larissa Mullot and Greta Stark

2.45  **AN INTRODUCTION TO ACIAR**
*Chair:* Greta Stark, RAID Committee and ACIAR Graduate
Dr James Quilty, Research Program Manager for Soil and Land Management, ACIAR to explain the work of ACIAR and opportunities ACIAR offers NextGen
*Q&A*

3.10  **AFTERNOON TEA**

3.45  **SO YOU WANT TO WORK IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY?**
A conversation on what you need to know.
*Conversant:* Jessica Fearnley, RAID Vice President
1.  **Doing the most good on the ground**
   Dr Warren Lee, Senior Nutrition & Food Systems Officer, Asia and the Pacific, UN FAO
2.  **Lessons from the government, research and volunteer space**
   Dr Elena Martin Avila, Assistant Director, Agricultural Development and Food Security Section and 2015 Conference Scholar
3.  **Important Sensitivities**
   Dr Vivienne Anthony, Senior Science Advisor, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture
*Q&A*

4.40  **HOUSEKEEPING**
Larissa Mullot, Crawford Fund

5.00  **BUS DEPARTS FOR QT/DINNER**

5.30  **GROUP PHOTO FOR SCHOLARS AT QT + STATE-BY-STATE GROUPS IF TIME PERMITS**

9.30  **BUS RETURNS TO PINNACLES**
DAY 2, Wednesday, 6 September
7.45am – 12.30pm
SCHOLARS ONLY

7.15 Bus Departs The Pinnacles (scholars to bring luggage)

7.45 QUICK BREAKFAST

8.15 WELCOME
Cathy Reade, Crawford Fund

8.20 TELL THE WORLD ABOUT YOUR WORK
Chair: Cathy Reade, Crawford Fund
A session with Mike Foley, the climate and energy correspondent for The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald, and Dr Anika Molesworth, a NextGen with extensive media experience to explain both sides of the ‘pitching a story’ coin.
Q&A

9.00 VOLUNTEERING AND CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES
Chair: Mike Scobie, RAID Committee
1. Government Supported Volunteer Opportunities
   Dr Tristan Armstrong, Senior Sector Specialist, Agricultural Development and Food Security at DFAT
2. RAID Capacity Building
   Megan Williams, RAID Capacity Building Team
COMBINED Q&A and DISCUSSION

9.35 RAIDING AROUND THE WORLD
Chair: Mikayla Hyland-Wood, RAID Committee
RAIDers explain their study and career pathways through different opportunities presented with:
   ACIAR Grad: Greta Stark, Fisheries Program, ACIAR
   Trainer/Project Leader: Bethany Smith, WorldFish
   Awardee-Policy Input: Ollie Gales, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

10.30 COMPLETING YOUR SURVEY and MORNING TEA

11.15 DISCUSSION & REPORT BACK
Facilitator: Greta Stark, RAID Committee
Split into five discussion groups - someone at each table reports back on the group’s ‘Pearls of Wisdom’ and ‘Next Steps’ plans with facilitators: Aditya Baxi, Megan Williams, Mikayla Hyland-Wood, Alex Russell, Jess Fearnley.

12.15 CLOSE & DEPARTURE
Cathy Reade, the Crawford Fund with Belinda Nielsen, President, RAID Network