

CLIMATE FOR CHANGE:
AGEING INTO THE FUTURE



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION ON AGEING
10TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA: 3-6 MAY 2010

GLOBAL LEADERS ON AGEING MEET IN MELBOURNE

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Eminent researchers, government officials and industry experts will converge on Melbourne for the 10th Global International Federation on Ageing Conference. It will be held at the Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) from 3-6 May 2010.

Council on the Ageing (Victoria), the organisation chosen to host the conference, today released the conference program. It features 680 presentations from world leading thinkers on ageing.

Opening the conference is keynote speaker, Dr John Beard, Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Department of Ageing and Life Course in Geneva. An Australian, Dr Beard is an expert on the social determinates of health in older adults.

Ms Sue Hendy, Executive Director of Council on the Ageing (COTA), says the conference is being staged at a time when the debate over Australia's ageing population is high on the political and public agendas.

"The release of the Rudd government's first Intergenerational Report, combined with calls for reform in our aged care and health sectors, has brought ageing to the forefront of public consciousness. The decisions we make now as a nation will have far-reaching effects for generations to come.

"This conference is an opportunity to hear from leading thinkers and learn from the experiences of other nations before we take the next critical steps forward," Ms Hendy said.

COTA Victoria expects a number of significant announcements to be made at the conference.

Titled *Climate for Change: Ageing into the Future*, the conference program will cover five main streams: healthy ageing, social inclusion, climate change, resourcing change and human rights.

COTA (Vic) is the peak body representing the wide-ranging needs and interests of older people in the Victorian community.

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For the full conference program, visit <http://www.ifa2010.org/>.

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