Dear Colleague,

Greetings from ABC & ABU! We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to having you in Brisbane (Meeanjin), Australia on the lands of the Turrbal and Jagera peoples. Your contribution to the event will be valuable, thank you for your participation.

Please find below some useful information for your journey and stay:

Pacific Media Partnership Conference 2024

General info on the event is available <u>here</u>. Please make sure you have registered for the event.

Conference Venue

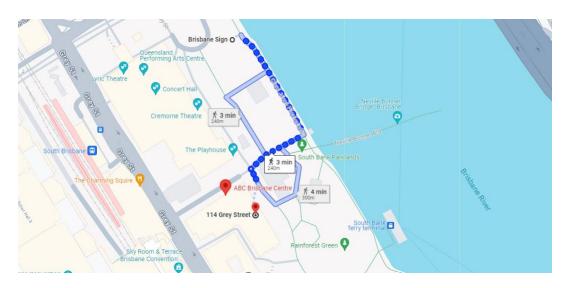
The event is held in the ABC Brisbane, 114 Grey Street, South Brisbane QLD 4101.

Security check-in

Delegates will need to be checked at reception before entering the building and issued with a lanyard. Your lanyard is strictly personal and should be worn during conferences, special activities, coffee breaks, meals and must be worn in the ABC Brisbane building, for security reasons and to facilitate networking. The lanyard must be returned to security after the last session on 30 April.

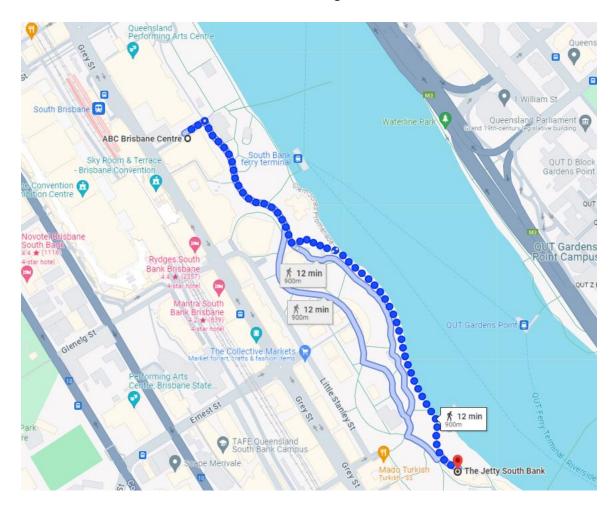
Conference Registration & Opening Ceremony

Registration for the Conference will be open from 8.30 am on Monday 29 April. Then there will be a short walk to the Welcome to Country as the starting point of the conference. (see map below). The Welcome to Country will start at 9 am sharp.



Closing dinner

The Closing dinner will be held from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm at The Jetty, 4 Sidon St, Brisbane. It's about a 12-minute walk from the ABC building.



Refreshments

As a part of the conference, lunch as well as morning and afternoon tea will be provided. A farewell dinner will be provided on the Tuesday evening.

Access

Please advise us if you have any disabled access requirements or need assistance getting to the smoking ceremony (3 min walk) or dinner on the 30 April evening (12 min walk). The ABC Building has been designed to allow access for all.

Transportation Options

Upon arriving at the airport, you may choose from various transportation options from here, and as listed below:

By train

There is a <u>Airtrain</u> from the airport to the city that goes via Southbank. If you do a simple google search you will see options. It costs about AUD21 each way, much cheaper than a taxi. You can also prebook online from the website. You can catch it from the international and domestic terminals.

By Shuttlebus

For a door-to-door option that is a bit cheaper than taxi and rideshare you can take a shuttle bus. It will cost about AUD32. <u>Con-X-ion</u> are recommended by the airport website and you can prebook.

By Rideshare

This will cost about AUD42.80. Rideshares (Uber, Didi, Ola and Sheba) can be cheaper than taxis depending on the time you catch them. You will need to download the relevant app and order via the app. To meet your ride, from Level 2, take the lift or escalator down to Level 1, follow the Rideshare Booking signs towards the open-air car park on the left as you exit the Terminal building (towards the city). You can also follow the map in the rideshare app to the pick-up location.

By Taxi

The cost is about AUD64. You can catch taxis from the ranks just outside the terminal doors without needing an app.

Travel Insurance

Please purchase your travel insurance to cover all risks during your visit to Australia. The ABU or ABC will not be responsible for any claim from problems and/or consequences that may arise during the trip and your stay. The details should be carried with you while travelling as they will be required in the case of a medical emergency.

Visa

Make sure you have proper travel documents for entering the country. Visas cannot be obtained on arrival.

General Info

The local currency, AUD is convertible, currently at 1 USD to 1.53 AUD (as of Apr the 18th)

Please note that the currency rate is subjective to the exchange rate on that day.

We recommend you exchange the currency at the airport. If you plan to use a debit or credit card, we suggest you advise your bank before travelling so overseas transactions are not treated as suspicious. Do check international transaction fees with your provider as they can be high.

Climate & Clothing

In this season, weather in Brisbane can span between 18 and 25 degrees Celsius, with a chance of rain.

It is always a good idea to carry a small umbrella and wear a light windbreaker raincoat. Head to the official Bureau of Meteorology website for weather updates.

Electricity

The standard voltage is 220V and the frequency is 50Hz. The 3-pin angled Australian style plugs are the most common. Consider making a small investment in a universal adapter, which has several types of plugs in one lightweight, compact unit.

Medical Services

Medical services are available in most towns by government hospitals and private clinics. The nearest hospital to South Bank is:

The <u>Mater Hospital</u> emergency department Raymond Terrace, South Brisbane QLD 4101 (07) 3163 8111 but always call 000 in an emergency

Non-prescription drugs are available at pharmacies as well as supermarkets, and shopping centers.

Business Hours

The country is run on a normal eight hours a day system, many shops are open on Sundays but always best to check online. Government offices are opened from 9 am to 5 pm on weekdays. Banking hours are generally from Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Department stores are open from 10 to 8pm and supermarkets are open at least from 6 am to 8 pm often later. Downtown stores have different opening hours.

Emergency Contacts

We look forward to welcoming you at the Conference!

If you require any further assistance, we are happy to help.

Please call 000 for emergencies such as fire, ambulance and police.

While at the conference please contact Ms Olya Booyar at +61 455 784 713 or the ABC team at +61 447 310986 if you need assistance or to advise if there has been an emergency. <u>Both numbers are available on WhatsApp</u>. Your travel insurance details should be carried with you at all times as these will be needed in a medical emergency.