Welcome to this special edition newsletter of the SMART Infrastructure Facility.

SMART will throw open its doors to welcome the world-wide infrastructure community of business practitioners, researchers and policymakers as we host the inaugural International Symposium for Next Generation Infrastructure, from 30 September to 4 October this year in Australia.

There is no doubt that this is one of the most important events in the infrastructure space and we want to ensure that all of our networks are involved. We invite you to come and challenge us and yourself!

There will be five days of highly interactive expert presentations, leadership forums and provocation sessions for you and your organisation to demonstrate expertise, contribute to sharpening yours and others insights and being part of the foundation group that will set a global agenda for infrastructure.

The Symposium addresses a concern that there must be a step-up in the quality, effort and the rigor of long term planning of national infrastructure. This is fundamental towards ensuring improved productivity, enhanced well-being of its citizens and resilience of the systems that support modern life. Time and space are no longer
A GLOBAL MOVEMENT HAS STARTED

A global movement is occurring, one that sees the old, siloed ways of planning infrastructure abandoned, one that embraces an integrated approach and one that SMART has championed from inception.

This approach has resonated around Australia and the world and has triggered an intensive global collaboration that SMART and Australia have activated the ‘International Symposium for Next Generation Infrastructure’.

This collaboration with our host partners will see the international infrastructure community gather to focus on a grand challenge that invites radical innovation in engineering, technology and social science where the infrastructure systems of tomorrow like energy, water, waste, transportation, education and health can meet the need of twice today’s population with half today’s resources while providing twice the liveability. A tall order, but one that SMART is working towards delivering and one that we encourage you to be part of.

ISNGI has created a buzz around the world attracting speakers such as:

**Professor Edward Blakely**, Honorary Professor in Urban Policy, and disaster recovery expert, University of Sydney.
Field: urban policy, economics and planning.

**Professor Margot Weijnen**, Founding and Scientific Director Next Generation Infrastructures Foundation Delft University of Technology.
Field: technology, policy and management.

**Professor Jim Hall**, Director, Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford.
Field: environmental change, climate, and engineering science.

**Dr Ken Henry**, Chair, SMART Infrastructure Facility.
Field: economics, taxation and public policy.

**Mr Kamran Khan**, Program Director, Global Infrastructure Finance Center of Excellence and the World Bank Singapore Urban Hub.
Field: international finance, infrastructure and investment.

**Professor Chris Barrett**, Scientific Director, Virginia Bioinformatics Institute, Virginia Tech.
Field: network dynamics and simulation science.

The ISNGI is a five day international call to action. We look forward to seeing you joining your peers in this global conversation that starts in Australia from 30 September.

Each day will have a theme to focus discussion and set future agenda:

- **30 September**, Sydney CBD, Business & Policy Dialogue: *Cutting Through the Infrastructure Impasse*
- **1 October**, Wollongong: *Improving on the 80/20 Rule for Infrastructure Science*
- **2 October**, Wollongong: *Wicked Problems, Dynamic Solutions*
- **On 3 October**, the ISNGI Wollongong is joined by the Global Pension Fund Forum: ‘*Infrastructure and superannuation, the perfect match - fact or fiction?’*
- **4 October** will see delegates taking part in optional study tours.
DRAFT PROGRAM SOON TO BE RELEASED

We have been promising an event to rival all others, one that will harness global knowledge and deliver the best of the best in integrated infrastructure planning and management.

With the draft program soon to be released, we are sure you will agree, this is an event that cannot be missed.

Visit www.isngi.org or join us on social media to keep up to date.

Secure your place now.

PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

SMART is committed to sharing our experience and knowledge on a national and global level.

We are proud of the networks we have developed and are keen to have them share the international attention that will come with the ISNGI.

The SMART Infrastructure Facility is offering sponsorship rights for the event, establishing mutually beneficial partnerships with organisations that share complementary values and appreciate the growing importance of integrated infrastructure planning and management.

This opportunity will allow your organisation and staff to participate in an important dialogue with those influencing infrastructure policy and direction.

To date, we already have a number of high profile organisations on board including:

- National Australia Bank
- Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia
- NSW Trade and Investment
- Plenary Group
- Wollongong City Council
- The Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE)

To find out further information on ISNGI sponsorship availability, please contact Rafael Vazquez, Business Development Manager, SMART Infrastructure Facility at rvr@uow.edu.au or via phone on +61 2 42392331.
The ISNGI is a distinctive event, one that is bringing together the international infrastructure community to debate and discuss current best practise and new ways of addressing issues. With over 15 global experts presenting it’s an event not to be missed.

We are pleased to advise that early bird registration is now open and encourage you to take advantage of these special discounted rates, providing great value for money.

With an impressive line-up of speakers confirmed, ISNGI provides a rare opportunity to look at infrastructure planning and management in an integrated way, to hear from high profile, international experts, to participate in panel discussions and to network with others in the field.

Discounted rates are on offer for a limited time only so register now to avoid missing out!

KEEP UPDATED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

The symposium has been maintaining a profile across a number of social media platforms.

Keep up to date on the latest ISNGI news by:

- Following us on twitter @ISNGI
- Joining the ISNGI LinkedIn group for pre-discussion and an ongoing forum