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AVYLD 2019 was launched at Admiralty House Sydney in October 2018 by His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) Former Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia with 2017 Alumni; Christine Holgate, Chair of Australia-ASEAN Council; Gerard Shanahan, RMIT University, and Dr Trinh Duc Hai, Consul General of Vietnam to NSW, QLD, SA, and WA.

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**MESSAGE FROM CO-FOUNDER & BOARD CHAIR**

I n 2017, when the first Dialogue was launched, the co-founders experimented with a forum that would tackle big questions facing not just our two countries, but also the world. It was a forum that scaffolded ideas of policy down to what is happening at local level: from pockets of change in human beings. Deliberately designed to confront the delegates, it was described by them as ground-breaking, transformative and life-changing.

“My business acumen has significantly enhanced through Dialogue, because I am able to connect to my own sense of humanity,” said 2017 Dialogue alumni, Philip Nguyen at the 2019 delegate announcement reception. At the 2017 Dialogue, Huong Do Trinh pitched an idea for a social enterprise to assist victims of domestic violence supporting them with financial independence. In 2018, “Hope Box” and was launched. Elsa Dornhein, from UT’s Institute for Sustainable Futures, is the project manager in a study to develop economically and sustainable energy pathways for Vietnam.

This year, for the first time in Vietnam, we continue the foundations in 2017 to deepen impact by focusing on five of the UN Sustainable Development Goals – Gender Equality, Reduced Inequalities, Quality Education, Climate Action, Sustainable Cities and Communities. These issues are acutely alive in both our beloved nations.

Our Dialogue exposes the principle that only through collaboration, can we address each shared national, regional and global challenges. Expressions of interest this year grew by over 40% to 2000, we have created opportunities for broader engagement with the community we have brought together, through public forums and social media. We have selected delegates who are business leaders and changemakers from incredibly diverse fields including classical music, agribusiness, education, technology and private equity. They embody a great sense of hope in what is possible but also demonstrate commitment to their reason.

We understand that our two great countries’ destinies are indeed intertwined. Now more than ever, both need reliable transboundary partners. We are proud to contribute to the bilateral partnership through nurturing powerful people-to-people links.

Mr. Ngo Huong Nam and Australian Ambassador to Vietnam, Mr. Craig Chittick, for their heartfelt support. Mr. Chittick completes his posting soon. We could not have arrived here without him. We wish him all the very best.

Finally, to the 15 volunteers who have worked tirelessly over 18 months, in between the usual pressures of full time work, family obligations and other volunteer gigs, their commitment is humbling and inspiring. As I watch in video meetings, the young kids in the background, clicking interns frantically typed after preparing the family lunch, work papers sprawled on cork boards, I am emotional as to why they have joined. As Thu Tran put it, “I may not have the money or huge networks but through the Dialogue, I am shaping the future - one that is worthy for my son.”

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Khai Ngo
Committee Director

In 2012, Khai graduated from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) with a Bachelor of Business/Law degree. Khai has had over 20 years’ experience working in the private sector. He has held a number of senior executive positions within various organisations, including leadership roles in the social sector. Khai has been the Chair of the Bankstown Youth Leaders Program. Khai is currently the Chief of the Bankstown Youth Development Service, a local not-for-profit organisation.

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Policy Manager

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Rita Do
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Michael Brosowski Am
CEO, Blue Dragon Children’s Foundation

Michael Brosowski Am is the CEO of Blue Dragon Children’s Foundation, which helps to rescue, rehabilitate and reintegrate children rescued from trafficking and the worst forms of exploitation. Michael is a lawyer and has worked in several positions as a social sector leader, including as Senior Country Advisor for the World Bank in Vietnam and as a senior policy advisor in Australia’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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The following collection of short essays looks at the challenges facing Australia and Vietnam framed by the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals. It also looks at the importance of the bilateral relationship in each country’s future.

**VIETNAM 2030: THE CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD**

Since Vietnam’s Declaration of Independence, the country has moved from being one of the poorest countries to one of the world’s greatest development success stories. The success markers are well documented but at the same time a considerable number of challenges lie ahead.

*World Bank Report: Vietnam 2035* is an important wide-ranging document that draws attention to the key social and environmental stresses facing Vietnam. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals also provide a useful framework for highlighting the key social and economic areas that need attention.

Both foreground the environmental impacts, including the effects of climate change, that may well work against long term economic growth. They provide important focus on the balancing of economic prosperity with environmental sustainability and on the promotion of equity and social inclusion (World Bank Report: Vietnam 2035). This report importantly also foregrounds the need to take account of the rise of the middle class together with the demographic shifts given the growth of the elderly population together with the shrinking working-age population.

In 2018, Schuler, Malesky and Hayen1 examined the issue of poverty and economic inequality from the perspective of Vietnamese citizens who revealed what they would like their government to address. It reveals the concerns of ‘the people’ and their ongoing concern with poverty even within the context of rapid economic growth.

An extract from their report outlined ‘Approximately 25% of citizens cited it as a top concern in 2018, with economic growth coming in second and corruption third. Economic growth and jobs/employment were among the five most important issues in 2018, among which were also corruption and environment. While Vietnam’s economic growth rate in 2018 was reported to reach 7 percent, Vietnamese citizens continued to cite poverty and hunger as the two top matters requiring additional efforts by the State.’

Data shows that the concern about poverty is due to a number of reasons. First, it is about the fear about falling back into poverty among the respondents.

Second, and more interesting, many concerned about the impact of poverty on overall national development. It is interesting that a majority of those who chose poverty as the greatest concern shared that poverty reduction has large implications for Vietnam’s development, with 87 to 89 percent of the respondents falling back into poverty among the respondents.

Third, income inequality was a significant driver. ‘When looking deeper into the income strata and examining the correlation with poverty concern, it shows that income inequality is a significant driver of poverty concerns.’

Such findings highlight the fact that inclusive and equitable economic development remains a priority for Vietnam as it aims to become a high-middle-income country.

Other research highlights the usefulness of government engaging with ‘the people’ – in the case of the study Would developing countries be safer if governments listened to business owners more?; by Malesky and Taussig2 – ‘the people’ here are understood to be business communities. The focus of this study is regulatory compliance in Vietnam, particularly in the building industry. In contrast to arguments that focus on negative reasons for mixing businesses with government, Malesky and Taussig demonstrate ‘that broadening government consultation of the business community to include representatives of the full spectrum of firm types is a viable policy option that may increase regulatory compliance and, ultimately, make the world a safer place.’

This short essay draws attention to the voice of individuals and those of business. It raises questions about what perspective does or should the government and NGOs listen to. Vietnam’s challenge is to continue its economic growth without compromising the environment and living standards whilst reducing the real and perceived inequalities of Vietnamese people.


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AUSTRALIA 2030: CHALLENGES IN MEETING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The annual measurement of each country's progress towards reaching the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals provides a useful indicator of the many challenges that Australia faces in its efforts to achieve economic prosperity, social inclusion and environmental sustainability.

The SDG Index for 2018 reported that Australia fell from 26th to 37th place out of 156 countries for which data was available. Australia achieved a score of 72.6, well behind many advanced industrial countries. Australia ranked at the bottom tier of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) members. Australia received the lowest score in the world on climate change action (greenhouse gas emissions and exports of fossil fuel). This article discusses the challenges of reaching five of the seventeen SDGs by 2030. Australia scored in the top tier (between 75% and 100%) for SDG 4 Quality of Education, SDG 5 Gender Equality and SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities; Australia scored 75% for SDG 10 Reduced Inequality and 25% for SDG 13 Climate Action. SDG 4 Emphasizes inclusive and equitable quality of education and promote lifelong opportunities for all. The main challenges include reaching schools in remote areas, providing education to Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders, persons with disabilities and women from diverse backgrounds; and encouraging more women to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). SDG 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls) The main challenges include increasing female participation in the workforce, especially in non-traditional areas such as STEM; increasing weekly earnings to close the gap in pay between men and women (a gap assessed as a persistent feature for the next fifty years); and ending violence against women.

SDG 10 (Reduce inequality within and among countries) The challenges include creating more opportunities to improve living standards; reducing income inequality for the poorer 20% of households, creating greater socio-economic mobility now impeded by the intergenerational transfer of wealth; greater access to health and education services to increase life expectancy; especially for indigenous peoples; and reducing disparities between regions and disadvantaged groups.

SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. The challenges include retrofitting existing structures to meet future standards; managing increased urban density in terms of traffic congestion, waste disposal, reducing pollution and provision of social services; and building world class infrastructure.

SDG 13 (Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts) The main challenges include meeting international commitments to reduce greenhouse emissions 26%-28% by 2030; reduce reliance on fossil fuels and achievement of energy security through increased reliance on renewable energy.

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AUSTRALIA AND VIETNAM ARE PARTNERS IN... A ‘HIGH-QUALITY, 21ST-CENTURY AGREEMENT’

Vietnam is an attractive choice for the designer firstly because CPTPP protects their intellectual property and their manufacturing partner has to adhere to strict environmental and labour standards. Secondly, Vietnam is advantageous because it is well integrated into regional supply chains, meaning in this case, it has low trade and transportation costs to China. It is cost-effective to manufacture in Vietnam and sell manufactured products in China for low costs. Even at this early stage in the CPTPP, early evidence suggests that it is a significant initiative that provides such a compelling mandate for improved trade and investment between both countries. Now is the time to make full use of this robust framework that negotiators and diplomats have constructed to grow Australia-Vietnam economic ties.

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How can Australian business benefit? Australian businesses should be paying close attention to opportunities in Vietnam. An era of trade wars and the rise of economic policy as a tool of coercion rather than cooperation, reliable partners like Vietnam will be harder and harder to come by. While the last decade of Australia’s prosperity was driven by China’s economic rise, the growth of Australia’s closest neighbours like Vietnam will likely drive the next wave of prosperity.

Australia and Vietnam: A strong and long-standing partnership. Australia’s economic partnership with Vietnam started in 1985, when Vietnam rolled out its economic policy reforms, known as Doi Misi. Australia was one of the first countries to invest, opening one of the first foreign bank branches and establishing one of the earliest foreign-owned universities. As early as 1988, Australia became one of Vietnam’s top five sources of foreign investment. It is safe to say Australia saw Vietnam’s potential early.

Australia and Vietnam have worked hard to build on these early relations. This hard work has paid off with the recent announcement of two major initiatives: their Strategic Partnership Agreement, signed in March 2018 and their common membership in a new trade bloc, the Comprehensive Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

Enter the CPTPP: The CPTPP is the most significant development for Australian businesses looking for opportunities in Vietnam. As a testament to the potential value of the agreement, Vietnam and Australia worked hard to keep the trade deal on the agenda after the United States withdrew from the agreement. Vietnam stood to gain a lot from its market access to the USA under the agreement. However, Vietnam and Australia still valued the opportunities that CPTPP offered each other.

What now? Now Australia and Vietnam are partners in what trade analysts call ‘a high-quality, 21st-century agreement’ with a reform agenda which addresses a range of difficult issues from labour standards to the market-distorting effects of state-owned enterprises, to environmental issues and intellectual property protections. Overall, the CPTPP levels risk for Australian businesses in Vietnam. To illustrate the practical advantages of CPTPP, consider this scenario: An Australian industrial designer seeks a manufacturing base to make a product for export to China. This manufacturing base must have high-quality intellectual property protection, low trade and transportation costs and low electricity costs.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In September 2015, 193 states attended the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in New York where they adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The 2030 Agenda comprises seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Progress towards reaching these goals is measured annually in a composite SDG Index of 169 targets to achieve economic, social, and environmental sustainability.

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In this SDG section, there are five essays. Each essay relates to one of the five SDGs that are the focus of this 2019 Dialogue. These goals are highly relevant to both Australia and Vietnam.

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5 GENDER EQUALITY
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
13 CLIMATE ACTION

SDG 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

CAT THAO NGUYEN - CO-FOUNDER & BOARD CHAIR AVYLD

When I arrive in Hoa Loi commune in the Vinh Long province, I hear past generation stories of recycling into a storage facility to meet 35-year-old Ni. She sits among brethren, removing labels and caps from plastic bottles. A 1-kilogram bag of plastic bottles sell for 2 cents; she can do about 100 bags a day. Ni, who belongs to the Khmer ethnic minority, is classified by the government as “Ho Ngheo”: Poor. As a result, she receives an allowance of $4.00 a month if her children ages 3, 6, and 9 are enrolled in primary school. The hamlet chief tells me that every child in the hamlet attends primary school. He meets with any families whose children aren’t enrolled to find out who usually, it’s because their parents can’t afford the expenses. Then he shuffles through his personal network of business people, government officials, and friends to raise the necessary money.

Across Vietnam, the primary school enrollment rate is virtually 100 percent. Primary education is free, as mandated in the constitution, and extremely good: Vietnam’s literacy rate is 97 percent. In 2017, the country made international headlines because its performance in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) was so impressive. In 2015, Vietnam was one of the poorest countries in the world and had the lowest “coverage index” among all countries, indicating that a relatively low proportion of students take the test. The kids see that they can get work in factories. Minh says: “They know how poor they are, so they will work if they can to help their family and be less of a burden.”

Back in his kitchen, the light fails. Given that her sons are excellent students, I ask whether she thinks they could get into one of the selective Khmer boarding schools where the government pays for everything, including fees and meals. “Maybe,” she says. “If they want to drop out and go to work during high school, that’s their choice. I’ll keep them in school as long as I can.” While Ni cooks rice for the family’s dinner, I think back to my own childhood. I was born in a refugee camp and grew up in poverty in Australia. Despite this, I got a government scholarship to Australia’s oldest university, eventually becoming a lawyer. It was a radical circuit breaker. Ni, just like my own mother, lives on quiet hope. With the efforts of a dedicated community, this may just be enough.

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Studies conducted by UN Women highlight: the disproportionate amount of unpaid care and leisure work women and girls do is a significant challenge across the country. While the Government of Viet Nam adopted gender equality principles in the State Budget Law (2013), the impact of such efforts is still very limited. Gender equality and women’s and girls’ empowerment have been placed at the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with targets covering the gender dimensions of poverty, hunger, health, education, water and sanitation, employment, safe cities and peace and security across the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the context of the Official Development Assistance reduction, Viet Nam will need to identify the appropriate strategies to gender-responsive budgeting to finance and advance gender equality. It will be necessary for the government to engage with and building the capacities of sectoral agencies including the financial sector in advancing the national gender equality agenda. Advancing gender equality also calls for urgent development of institutional understanding of the meaning of substantive equality as essential to women’s full economic, social, and political development. This would mean an expansion of institutional capacities for gender-based analysis and gender-responsive budgeting to expanding women’s access to the growing and most productive sectors of the Viet Nam economy.

When Huong Dang returned to Vietnam in 2017 after life-changing years studying and working in Melbourne, the idea of helping abused women was more than hopeful thinking. Now it’s HopeBox, a recovery path for victims of domestic violence. HopeBox reflects the recent emergence of social enterprises in her home country which deliver solutions to social problems outside traditional family and state structures.

“Most of my friends wanted to stay back in Australia,” she says of her difficult decision to leave her new life in IT job and host family behind in Melbourne. “It’s a lot easier to live there in terms of society and environment.” But after almost two years back in Vietnam she says she made the right decision to take up a job with KOTO, a 20-year-old hospitality training institution which is now officially recognised as the country’s first social enterprise.

“I always call Australia my home. But after my education in Australia I feel much more comfortable and able to pursue a career here in Vietnam,” Huong says of her work as KOTO’s marketing and partnership engagement director. But for Huong, taking a side-helping KOTO (which stands for Know One, Teach One) expand its training programs for disadvantaged youth was more than a career move. It was also a way of giving back to the organisation for helping her find work and advance her career in Melbourne.

“I COULD NOT FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE [HOPEBOX] HAPPEN UNTIL I USED THE IDEA IN A PITCH TO THE AUSTRALIA-VIETNAM YOUNG LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE IN 2017 IN SYDNEY.” – HUONG DANG

Viet Nam has made remarkable achievements in economic growth and poverty reduction, and is on its way to transforming itself from an agriculture-based economy to a more diversified and globally integrated economy. Viet Nam has made important achievements in gender equality during the past decades through improvements in policies, legal frameworks, and national institutional mechanisms for promoting gender equality and the advancement of women. This progress has been reflected in diverse areas of society, including in the education and training, economic, employment, health care, labour, and political sectors. Significant progress has also been made in socio-economic spheres with a decline in many gender-related inequalities, particularly in girls’ educational attainment and female labour force participation.

At the same time, however, challenges related to employment in the informal sector, the effects of climate change, and access to the social security system continue to affect the lives of a large proportion of the country’s population, the majority of whom are women and the poor. These issues are highlighted by UN Women.

• the unequal distribution of productive resources across different groups of women and men,
• persisting gender segmentation in the labour market, and
• greater vulnerability in female workers’ working conditions and pay.

Vietnamese women typically spend disproportionately more time on unpaid care than men, and thus bear the double burden of productive and reproductive activities. Furthermore, in ethnic minority communities in Viet Nam, women and girls are even more disadvantaged in terms of access to opportunities and resources. This is due to social norms which tend to position women as inferior to men and restrict their livelihood options and often limit them to domestic and reproductive activities. The intersection of discriminations based on both gender and ethnicity has the most significant impact, compounding inequalities faced by ethnic minority women and girls. Persistent gender stereotypes are reinforced by media messaging reinforcing the traditional roles of women and men, remain barriers to changing society’s perceptions of gender equality. Insufficient resources for the implementation of the National Strategy on Gender Equality and its action plans and on gender equality and other gender policies is a significant challenge across the country. While the Government of Viet Nam adopted gender equality principles in the State Budget Law (2013), the impact of such efforts is still very limited.

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Cities are our social, cultural and economic centres. They can allow us to live efficient and sustainable lifestyles, and provide opportunities for diversity, productivity and innovation. Cities can provide a high quality of life and a seemingly endless number of choices. However, cities are marked by growing inequality. There are many people in cities who can’t access decent jobs, adequate services such as clean water and sanitation, and secure and affordable housing, particularly the nearly 1 billion people who live in informal urban settlements. This is also a problem in some of the world’s wealthiest cities - Australia’s largest cities are seeing growing levels of homelessness.

Increased urbanisation has also led to increased pressure on the environment. Cities may only cover a small area of land, but they consume natural resources, and they are doing so at an increasing rate. Cities consume up to 80% of energy and create 75% of waste and emissions. These resources are used to make the food we eat, the infrastructure, the roads and buildings and cars, and the products we depend on. This creates growing volumes of waste, most of it we try to hide away in landfill or on the outskirts of our cities, or sometimes we even export it to other countries. Cities are also associated with dangerous air pollution, which leads to an estimated 3.8 million premature deaths each year. Cars (and in Vietnam motorbikes) are the biggest contributor, followed by industrial pollution and the burning of coal for energy.

There are solutions to address these problems and make cities safer and more sustainable, many of which rely on new technologies. But we need to make sure these new technologies, including shifting towards renewable energy and electrified transport systems, do not create an environmental problem elsewhere. These technologies will lead to increased mining and add to the growing volumes of e-waste. Electric bikes, scooters, cars and buses are an important solution to reducing transport emissions and improving air quality. But they are made up of a complex mix of metals, many of which have only been previously mined in small amounts. These include cobalt, nickel and lithium for lithium-ion batteries and rare earths in the motors for electric vehicles. The metals for these technologies come from global supply chains, and can have environmental and human rights impacts if not mined responsibly, including heavy metal contamination, dangerous working conditions and child labour. Demand for these metals is likely to rise dramatically and new mining is already happening to supply the materials for these technologies. These impacts, occurring far from where the technology is used, are a hidden cost of the benefit these technologies have for cities. E-waste is the fastest growing waste stream. If these technologies are not managed responsibly when they reach end-of-life, they can create a different set of health risks and environmental impacts. The informal recycling of e-waste in many parts of the world is done in hazardous working conditions and emits dangerous toxins, heavy metals and acid fumes into the surrounding environment, leading to severe illnesses. Our increasingly electrified and internet-connected cities can improve efficiency and reduce emissions, and increase quality of life. New technologies have an important part to play, but they do not guarantee sustainability. The supply chains of these technologies need to be appropriately managed, to avoid negative environmental health impacts for workers and local communities, in cities and the regions that they draw resources from. We also need to make sure cities are designed to be safe, affordable and inclusive, so that everyone is able to benefit.

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Climate change is changing our world faster than we had ever expected and in ways that we hadn’t anticipated.

When I travelled to Solomon Islands last year, I met with people from an island called Ontong Java who shared stories of crops no longer growing because of increased soil salinity, devastating tidal waves and disputes in the community about whether to stay on their island or relocate.

Later in the year I witnessed penguins in Antarctica laying their eggs directly onto snow that covered the rocks that they would normally nest on. We learned that the majority of those eggs would sadly never hatch. Too much snow was the problem that season, contrasting with the more obvious issues of receding glaciers and declining sea ice.

Back home in Australia, this February hundreds of thousands of cows drowned in floods in north Queensland, while in Tasmania fires destroyed old-growth forest covering 3% of the state’s surface and 99.8% of NSW was in drought. Summer snow storms in Tasmania and dust storms in Canberra followed shortly after.

Vietnam similarly faces increasingly frequent, severe and less predictable extreme weather events. As well as typhoons, flooding and drought across the country, the mountains in the north are increasingly vulnerable to unpredictable landslides and flash flooding, while up to 40% of the agricultural and aquaculture production in the fertile Mekong River Delta could be lost to sea level rise and inundation.

Vietnam experienced just a taste of what this could mean for livelihoods, food security and freshwater supply during the severe droughts in 2016.

These devastating impacts are all taking place in a world where we have already seen around 1°C of warming. If we continue on our current trajectory, we can expect to be living in a world that is 3°C to 5°C warmer by the end of the century.

Even if we could somehow drop emissions to zero today, we would continue to experience impacts of the climate change we have already locked in for decades to come - and those impacts would get worse before they got better.

To give us the best chance of a liveable planet in the second half of the century, we must immediately stop new investment in fossil fuels and urgently transition to renewable energy – Vietnam and Australia both have vast potential for solar and wind power generation.

Furthermore, we need to re-examine how we produce food, how much food we waste, how we clothe ourselves, how we travel and our relationship with “stuff”.

As well as “turning off the tap” of emissions, removing carbon that is already in the atmosphere, can help: “unplug the drain”. Entrants to the Virgin Earth Challenge have explored carbon removal options such as:

- Soil carbon (soil can sequester twice as much carbon as aboveground biomass);
- Seaweed farming (seaweed grows 30-60 times faster than land based plants – but the challenge is sequestering this carbon to ensure it is locked away);
- Enhanced weathering of silicate rocks;
- Carbon negative concrete;
- Direct air capture to make carbon fibres and plastics.

Of course there is one readily available organism that has been removing carbon from the atmosphere for hundreds of millions of years - trees! While it is important to keep planting trees, stopping deforestation of existing forests will have an even greater impact.

What we do today will make the difference between a liveable planet and climate induced mass extinction. Every day we delay, the worse the impacts will be and the more carbon will have to be removed tomorrow. The decisions each and every one of us make, in our home lives, at work, in our businesses, when shopping, in our investments, how we inspire others and influence politicians will help shape the future climate of the planet we all share.
VIET TRAN  
CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER
VIETNAM GRANDPRIX CORPORATION

Viet has been a pioneer in the sports entertainment industry in Vietnam, helping to establish the Vietnam Basketball Association and being its CEO. Viet aspires to promote healthy lifestyles through making sports entertainment an important part of Vietnamese society. He is currently the CEO of Vietnam GrandPrix Corporation, overseeing commercial and operations of the first-ever F1-Vietnam GrandPrix, launching in Hanoi in April 2020.

Viet’s Achievements
• Listed in Forbes Vietnam 30 Under 30 Watch List (2015)
• Top 10 F2-generation entrepreneurs by Forbes Vietnam

SYLVIA NGUYEN  
DEPUTY GENERAL DIRECTOR
ALPHANAM REAL ESTATE

Currently Sylvia holds CEO, Board Director and other senior executive positions for various affiliates within Alphanam Group, a property developer in Vietnam. The Group is the biggest owner and developer of hotels such as IHG and Sheraton. In 2018 the group opened 2 hotels and more than 15 hotels are under development.

In 2012, she co-founded an Architecture Design firm — Sixdesign together with Salvator Perez Arroyo, a leading post-modern architect. The firm received an international award for the design of the Contemporary Museum and Library of Quang Ninh. Sylvia is also the founder of Alphanam Green Foundation, which is a foundation that aims to initiate environmental protection and social development projects.

Sylvia’s Achievements
• Top 10 F2-generation entrepreneurs by Forbes Vietnam (youngest on the 2017 list)
• Forbes Vietnam 30 under 30 Watch List (2015)

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CONCERT PIANIST & MUSIC EDUCATOR
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Trang co-founded the Miracle Choir & Orchestra, a not-for-profit organisation offering free weekly music classes to nearly 100 children in orphanages in Hanoi.

Trang’s Achievements
• Awarded the title Associate of the Royal Academy of Music (2018)
• Listed in 30 under 30 list by Forbes Vietnam 2015
• Graduated with distinction (BMus and MMus in Piano Performance) from the Royal Academy of Music (London)

Duy is the CEO of KOVA Trading (KOVA Paint Group), a leading family-run paint-and-coating group of 12 subsidiaries and 7 factories located in several Southeast Asian countries. In 2015, at the age of 24, Duy established KOVA Trading to reinvigorate the over-20-year-old brand and has led its global transformation and expansion to Europe and the United States.

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Khanh's Achievements
• Received the Australian Development Scholarship for a Master's Degree of Public Health at the Australian National University from 2012 to 2014
• Selected as the Young Physician of Hanoi 2016
• Created Vietnam's first Bachelor of Nutrition.

Nguyen is a medical researcher and lecturer whose teaching expertise focuses on Public Health and Health Methodology. He has published more than 10 international publications and involved in several top-tier research projects across Australia, the US, Japan, and Europe. He main task in teaching undergraduate and postgraduate students. Khanh is currently the President of the Youth Union of Hanoi Medical University with nearly 10,000 members. Additionally, Khanh has personally led a team of volunteers to bring medical services to the most remote areas in Vietnam.

Nguyen's Achievements
• Building partnerships with agriculture education institutions to lift standards and human capital in agriculture
• Successfully launched locally produced bananas to major supermarkets in Vietnam (Coopmart, BigC), as well as exporting to demanding markets (Japan, Korea). The company also promotes philosophy of people development to supplement human capital shortage in agriculture industry, while commits fully to sustainability practice.

Yen’s professional experiences cover a wide range of sectors, from Citibank to Agoda. She is a leading expert in the beauty and health industry. Yen is a former Senior Vice President at Vingroup and Vingroup affiliate. Previously, Yen was the curator of the World Economic Forum’s Global Shaper hub in Ho Chi Minh City. From its initial stages, she recruited 50 + shaper members and successfully kicked-off projects on youth leadership and city beautification (art and design).

Yen Vu is the CEO for Adayroi, a top 5 e-commerce platform in Vietnam and Vingroup affiliate. Previously, Yen was the curator of the World Economic Forum’s Global Shaper hub in Ho Chi Minh City. From its initial stages, she recruited 50 + shaper members and successfully kicked-off projects on youth leadership and city beautification (art and design).

Yen’s Achievements
• Successfully turned around Adayroi’s business into uptrend after 6 months being appointed as CEO
• Curator of the World Economic Forum’s Global Shaper Hub

Kimiko is an entrepreneur, MC/Host and strategy consultant specialising in emerging technologies (such as Big Data, AI and Blockchain).

Kimiko founded YellowBlocks, a deep tech ecosystem connecting blockchain startups of Vietnam to the world. Within 5 months, YellowBlocks established partnerships with more than 60 global blockchain startups of Vietnam to the world. Kimiko is an entrepreneur, MC/Host and strategy consultant specialising in emerging technologies (such as Big Data, AI and Blockchain).

Kimiko’s Achievements
• Organized the first Blockchain for Sustainable Development Goals Vietnam event in November 2018, and brought 15+ global speakers to Vietnam to share with 400+ local professionals about how Blockchain technology can be applied for social impacts and business values.
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Nam is an entrepreneur and the Founder of Cricket One LLC, an agriculture technology startup focuses on sustainable food production. The startup initiates the farming of crickets as a high-protein food source whilst helping to improve the livelihood of farmers and to productively utilise their agricultural by-products through technology.

He is in charge of leading product innovation, operation, fundraising, and farmer partnership. His company collaborates with institutions to develop specialized cricket feed, cricket farming best practices, and value-added products; and cooperate with farmers to develop an ecosystem around crickets from farming, processing, and marketing.

Nam’s Achievements
• Founded and led Cricket One LLC
• Winner of Making AgriTech Challenge funded by DFAT, ADB
• Runner-up of WISE Challenge funded by Australian Aid, ADB
• Young Social Entrepreneurs award by Singapore International Foundation.
• SOCAP FELLOW 2017, Speaker at Protein Asia 2019
• Featured on BBC News, Channel NewsAsia

Eric is a young and passionate entrepreneur. In 2014, Eric co-founded Student Life Care, an online marketplace for current Vietnamese international students to provide settlement services in 80 cities around the world. It has become one of the significant companies making positive impact and helping thousands of Vietnamese students internationally.

Eric is a Monash University alumn who studied and worked in Australia for 8 years before returning to Vietnam.

Eric’s Achievements
• One of the Shark Tank Vietnam Winners in 2018, being offered US$300K investment from VinaCapital
• One of the 5 Vietnamese Start-ups joining K-startup Challenge, a competition funded and organised by the Korean Government in 2019
• Recipient of the Ho Chi Minh Medal for Advanced Youth of Hanoi and Vietnam 2018
• Listed in Top 10 Young & Innovative Entrepreneur of Hanoi Capital in 2017
• Listed in Top 10 Innovative startup award by Ho Chi Minh Communist youth Union in 2016

Vinh was appointed by the Vietnam Minister of Education & Training to be Vice Director General for the Vietnam Institute of Educational Sciences charged with preparing the National Education Development Strategy 2021 – 2030. He was also appointed as a member of the committee to reform the K-12 school curriculum in Vietnam.

Vinh has published more than 50 papers in international journals and is leading a research group at the University of Education (VNU) on developing the Vietnam Annual Report on Education. Vinh attained his PhD in Mathematics at Harvard University and was also awarded the Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching in 2010.

Vinh’s Achievements
• Awarded the UNSW University Prize for the best student in mathematics (2003)
• Led Vietnam to win 3rd prize in the International Math Olympiad in 2011
• Received first prize at Vietnam Young Talent in Science and Technology 2012 for lecturers

The Organising Committee, Advisors, Delegates and Alumni of AVYLD would like to take this opportunity to thank Vietnam Airlines for the contribution they have made to strengthening the bilateral relationship between Australia and Vietnam through their sponsorship. It is through the work of organisations like Vietnam Airlines that our two countries will continue to grow closer and become able to more effectively leverage our strengths for the betterment of people in both countries, and indeed in the world at large.
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Tuan is a corporate social responsibility and sustainability professional with extensive work experience in the US, the Netherlands and Vietnam. He is currently a program manager for Corporate Social Responsibility at Booking.com dedicated to turn tourism into a force for good. He is leading the Booking Cares Fund that supports project ideas driving innovation in sustainable tourism. He works closely with startups, change-makers and NGOs to give them the knowledge and skills required to make sustainable impact. His previous experience at World Bank, Heineken Group and Austrakian Government also focused on policy development as well as clean technologies.

Tuan’s Achievements
• Received the Australia Day Award for being part of the Clean Technology Investment Program
• Appointed social impact lead as part of the Young Professionals Network while working at WB
• Selected as an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development as part of DFAT programme

PHILLIP KINGSTON
FOUNDER & CEO
SARGON

Phillip Kingston is an entrepreneur and investor, having founded, grown and exited companies across a number of industries. He is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Sargon, a leading Australian fintech company revolutionising the retirement industry by providing financial institutions and entrepreneurs with technology and infrastructure to build and grow investment funds and financial products. Phillip is the Founder and Executive Director of GrowthHive, an ASX listed company (ASX: TO2), the Founder and Managing Director of Trinitium Capital, a partner at Dragonfire and Chairman of Luminer Academy. Phillip has a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Commerce, both from the University of Melbourne.

PHILLIP’S ACHIEVEMENTS
• Co-founded Good Super, an ethical retail retirement fund.
• Director of LaunchVic, the Victorian Government’s company building the state’s entrepreneurial & startup ecosystem.
• Founded & served as President of the B-Corp Certified Henley Club.
• Non-Executive Director of the Centre for Sustainability Leadership.

I find joy in spending time with family and indulging in great food! I am inspired by my mother, who came to Australia without speaking English and became the Auditor General of the ACT, the first female public servant to lead a state in that role.

My impact goal is to drive the tourism industry to a place where sustainability is the norm.

ALLI DEVLIN
SITE ENGINEER
LENSELEASE ENGINEERING

Alli is an environmental and civil engineer with experience across Asia-Pacific. She is currently a site engineer working on a $20 million Wharf Upgrades Project for Australian Defence with a key role incorporating sustainability and Indigenous engagement throughout the project’s supply chain. The first major subcontractor on-site undertaking demolition has reached 95% Indigenous spend due to their ongoing support and network facilitation.

In 2017-2018, Alli spent 14 months in Asia as an engineering student and trainee for the Asia Foundation in Hanoi, Indochine Engineering in Ho Chi Minh City and Leighton Asia in Hong Kong.

Alli’s Achievements
• Vietnamese Language Intermediate Certificate
• Selected as the 2017 New Colombo Plan Vietnam Fellow, awarded by the Australian Government.
• The only non-Asian undergraduate student at Hanoi University of Science and Technology and the only female in the University Men’s Volleyball Team
• Received High Distinction and the ‘People’s Choice Award’ at UTS’s Thesis Showcase for a Honours Thesis on clean cookstove technology across Vietnam, Laos and The Philippines

I find joy in creating moments with great people who dare to be different, by people who are driven by joint understanding.

My impact goal is to develop a profitable and sustainable construction industry which empowers communities through the creation of great places.

Motto
You are what you repeatedly do.

ANDREW DUCK
CEO & FOUNDER
AVERSAFE

Andrew is the Founder & CEO of Aversafe, a tech company focusing on reducing credential fraud and improving government mobility in the emerging economies.

In 2011, Andrew co-founded Audience Media, a B2B company focused on an agency service for journalists and editorial teams. He built the world’s first multi-channel editorial management system for publishers like the New York Times, reaching half a billion people in more than 206 countries. He is also the advisor to several technology startups, the founder and inboard of directors of Artists.co.nz, Quipecorp Limited and Eco Corporate.

Andrew’s Achievements
• Created the world’s first multi-channel editorial management system
• Focused on efficiency gains for journalists and editorial teams
• Developed technology across Vietnam, Laos and The Philippines

I find joy in solving problems that impact others in a positive way.

I am inspired by those who are leaders in their field and...
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Louise Tran
HEAD OF PURPOSEFUL MARKETING
FORPURPOSECO., OZHARVEST

Louise is a marketing, communications and strategy specialist. She is currently responsible for the creation, idea-generating, and execution of OzHarvest’s social business and innovation arm, ForPurposeCo., as well as the establishment of its first social enterprise initiative, Juice For Good.

Louise’s Achievements
• As OzHarvest’s first in-house dedicated Brand, Marketing & Communications employee, built the foundations of OzHarvest’s brand presence as Australia’s leading food rescue organisation. The OzHarvest model is now adopted in New Zealand, the UK and South Africa.
• Implemented and executed several large-scale campaigns such as Think Eat Save, working in partnership with the UN’s Environment Program with further activities in Lima and Bangkok.
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Maria Tran
MANAGING DIRECTOR
PHOENIX EYE FILM & ART PRODUCTION

Maria is an actor, filmmaker and community arts trainer. She is the Managing Director of Phoenix Eye Pty Ltd, an independent film and art production house established in 2017 in Western Sydney.

Maria’s Achievements
• 2017 Create NSW Western Sydney Arts Recipient.
• Bringing diversity to Australian screen culture and elsewhere.
• Awarded Breakout Female Action Star at the International Action on Film Festival, 2017.
• Mockumentary short “Hot Bread Shop” was selected for the 2017 Carriageworks Film Festival.

Chris Hunter
STRATEGIC ADVISOR, SOUTH EAST ASIA
TRADE VICTORIA

Chris is currently a Strategic Advisor for the Victorian Government to Southeast Asia, in which he focuses on policy and economic development through growing trade and investment links. Chris also had previous professional experience in Singapore and Indonesia, as well as study experience in China. He previously worked at the Australian Business Forum and was formerly part of a team which coordinated the marketing and promotion of Australia China Business Week and the China Digital Conference.

Chris’s Achievements
• Assisted in re-orienting the reporting flows and work plans across the Victorian Government office network in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta.
• Escaped the legal, financial and operational structure in Vietnam and regional Indonesia.

Huy Nguyen
DIRECTOR & CO-FOUNDER
ENABLER INTERACTIVE PTY LTD

Huy is a humanitarian engineer, social entrepreneur and innovator. He is the Founder and CEO of the social enterprise Enabler Development, a training organization delivering face-to-face disability awareness workshops led by people with disabilities. He also created Enabler Interactive, a simulation training platform using gaming technology for disability and aged care workers. Additionally, Huy co-founded a number of social enterprises such as Greatvenue, Makeshift Studio Co and ENABLER INTERACTIVE PTY LTD

Huy’s Achievements
• Awarded the ACT Young Australian and the Australian National University Young Alumni of the Year 2016.
• Recipient of the Australia National Disability Award 2013.
• Ambassador of the ATC Technology for the Aged and Disability (TADACT).
• Scaling a drip of Kava in Vanuatu in front of important stakeholders without throwing it up.

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Jessica is a Programme Officer at the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) in Brussels, conducting policy research to strengthen the rule of law and human rights initiatives across the European Union. Jessica has experience across the fields of migration, child protection, gender equality, human rights and poverty alleviation in Thailand, Switzerland, Moldova, and Belgium. She also volunteers remotely, firstly as Secretary of Board/Research Coordinator for Human and Hope Association Incorporated (HHA Inc.) in rural Cambodia, and secondly, as Program Development Officer for Ghana Health and Education Initiative (GHEI).

Jessica’s Achievements
• Master’s degree in Human Rights Law and Policy at UNSW whilst working full-time, and being one of the first females in the family to attend university.
• Worked in the fields of migration, child protection, gender, and poverty alleviation, and has lived in four different countries in the past four years. This includes completing two internships with the UN in Thailand and Switzerland.

Evan is an ecologist specialising in fauna surveys as part of the environmental impact assessment process. He recently designed and implemented a new method for assessing the carrying capacity of a critically endangered nocturnal mammal, the Western Ringtail Possum.Under a New Colombo Plan scholarship, Evan spent a semester studying at Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry and working with some of the world’s most endangered primates at the Endangered Primate Rescue Center (EPRC) in Cuc Phuong National Park. Evan believes that our future livelihoods depend on the well-being of our biosphere and that we need to place greater value on our natural environment through education and political action.

Evan’s Achievements
• Alumni ambassador of the New Colombo Plan scholarship program
• Recipient of the Australian Council of Environmental Deans and Directors Scholars Award for outstanding performance
• Awarded a scholarship by the Environmental Institute of Australia and New Zealand.
2019 PROGRAM

BEYOND 2019:
TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The Dialogue program spans four days and is located in Vietnam. It begins in Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam and continues to the dynamic business hub of Ho Chi Minh City. The program builds on the work of the 2017 Dialogue by looking beyond 2019 towards a sustainable future.

The guiding framework for the program are five of the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals: Gender Equality, Reduced Inequalities, Quality Education, Climate Action, Sustainable Cities and Communities. These goals are highly relevant to both Australia and Vietnam. Each day, the program is organised around a theme that works within this framework.

Day 1: Global Leadership

Day 2: Harnessing Opportunities

Day 3: Sustaining our Futures

Day 4: Building Momentum

Induction – Sun 26 May 2019

Pre-dialogue introductions (closed session)
The world is complex with constant crisis, yet there are no simple solutions to solving these complex problems. This session will look at the importance of authenticity in leading with complexity and exploring the concept of vulnerability.

• Ms Cat Thao Nguyen, Chair and Co-founder of AVYLD

Day 1 – Mon 27 May 2019

Global leadership

Hanoi

AVYLD Opening Ceremony
The Opening Ceremony officially opening the 2019 Australia-Vietnam Young Leadership Dialogue.

• Ms Cat Thao Nguyen, Chair and Co-founder of AVYLD
• Representative from Vietnam
• His Excellency, Mr Craig Chittick, Head of Mission, Australian Ambassador to Vietnam
• Mr Michael Croft, Head of Office and UNESCO Representative to Vietnam

Session 1 - Leading with courage keynote and session with delegates
Great leaders have immense courage. But what does courage look like? Delegates will hear from Huong Dang and her own story fueled by courage and leadership. Delegates will also explore what courage is, how it is needed to confront their own challenges and the need for humility to develop their own leadership capacity.

• Ms Huong Dang, Co-Founder, HopeBox & AVYLD Alumni
• Ms Cat Thao Nguyen, Chair and Co-founder of AVYLD

Session 2 - Governance in a globalised world panel
The consequences of ignoring risks and weak governance can be costly to organisations. In the context of a dynamic yet turbulent business environment, delegates will have the opportunity to explore “what good governance looks like”. They will also look at how organisations are able to find a balance between performing to a high standard while maintaining good governance and how they can personally take the lead in developing more inclusive, accountable and public spirited organisations.

• Ms Melissa Keane, Partner, Allens
• Mr Phan Duc Hieu, Deputy Director of Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM)
• Mr Scott Pearce, Partner, KPMG
• Dr Dang Hoang Giang, Deputy Director, Center for Community Support and Development Studies (CECODES)

Lunch reception with the Australian Ambassador to Vietnam

Day 2 – Tue 28th May 2019

Harnessing opportunities

Ho Chi Minh City

Session 1 - Creative training (closed session)
Delegates working together to enhance imaginations and tapping into their creative sides.

• Ms Hanneke Willems, Head Acting Trainer, Orange Wolves Creative Training

Session 2 - Distributed and regenerative by design workshop
Delegates will be challenged to consider how we can redesign our economies to respond to the greatest challenges of the 21st century. The current state of the economy and how alternative models and approaches are regenerative and distributed by design will be explored. Best case examples will be shared to assist delegates to understand how this concept could be integrated in practice within their own organisations.

• Ms Elsa Dominish, Senior Research Consultant at Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney & AVYLD Alumni
• Mr Rowan Dowland, Chief Strategy Officer, Bank Australia
• Mr Cheyne McKee, Corporate Affairs Manager, Bank Australia

Session 3 - An entrepreneurial approach to address inequality panel session
Persistent inequality is prevalent and large disparities remain across sectors in both Vietnam and Australia. Entrepreneurial and social responsible thinking should be at the forefront of leaders to solve and reduce significant inequalities. Exploration of innovative business practices will be complemented with the experiences of well-known Vietnamese and Australian entrepreneurs who are at the forefront of combating these social challenges.

• Ms Shuyin Tang, Partner, Patamar Capital & AVYLD Alumni
• Ms Ha Lam, Co-founder, Triip.me & AVYLD Alumni
• Mr Jimmy Pham, Founder, KOTO
• Ms Evelyn Nguyen, Co-Founder and CEO, Canal Circle
Session 1 - Optimizing Performance: Business pitching with impact & team projects
Delegates will explore the concept of mindfulness and authenticity in business and how it can help them become better leaders. They will have the opportunity to explore this through a one-on-one session with Peter Huynh.
Following the session, all delegates will have the opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate their idea or project to wider groups of audieence. Delegates will also have a chance to reflect on what they’ve learned in this workshop to re-examine their team projects, from an efficiency and a feasibility perspective.
- Mr Peter Huynh, Partner, Qualgro & AVYLD advisor
- Facilitated by Mr Cat Thi Nguyen, Chair and Co-founder of AVYLD

AVYLD Young Leaders Forum
Delegates share their views and experiences on leadership and the significance of the five United Nations SDGs featured throughout the Dialogue. Additionally, two delegates from each SDG team will also provide insight into their collaborative projects designed to address a social challenge while also strengthening the Australia-Vietnam bilateral relationship.

Day 3 – Wed 29th May 2019
Sustaining our futures
Ho Chi Minh City
Session 1 - Educating for the future keynote and panel session
The session will explore where Australia and Vietnam are at in terms of educating for innovation and the economic needs of the 21st century. At the same time it will consider the role of education in the context of the persistent inequalities that exist in both countries. What will be required in our education policies and in our curricula that will create quality and inclusive education that can address these needs?
How do technologies assist with these ambitious goals? Should we combine a consideration of both the future of work and the kinds of workers, knowledge and skills, that will be needed, and the building blocks or foundations that need to underpin quality education? Are technologies an answer or is it about continuous learning and re-inventing?
Questions will also be directed at delegates exploring their interpretation of learning and discussing their own learning experiences.
- Professor Gao McDonald, President, RMIT University Vietnam
- Ms Joanna Wood, Education and Science Counsellor, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Dr Lucy Cameron, Senior Research Consultant, Data61 CSIRO
- Ms Donna Webster, Director, Capability Development, AsiaLink

Ho Chi Minh City environment consumption and production panel session
Climate change is now affecting every country on every continent. It is disrupting national economies and affecting lives, costing people, communities and countries. As demand increases for already constrained natural resources, there are great concerns for irreversible damage to our environment. Delegates will explore the issues associated with climate change and how we can change our consumption and production patterns.
Experienced practitioners working to achieve sustainability across the food chain, energy and circular economy, industries will share their experiences and challenge delegates to implement sustainable consumption and production practices in the communities and sectors they are working in.
- Mr Elba Dorniche, Senior Research Consultant at Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney & AVYLD Alumni
- Mr John Kiegh, Founder & Managing Principal, Vietnam Food Integrity Centre
- Ms Katrina Salem, Programme Officer, Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production, United Nations Environment Programme

Session 2 - Gender justice keynote and panel session
The continual pattern of inequality (whether it be gender, class, socio-economic, location etc) is a constraint to the progress of both Australia and Vietnam – how do we break this pattern so that we unleash the great potential and opportunities across all sectors? This is the key question to be explored in a session led by Madam Ton Nu Thi Ninh. The discussion will then focus on a number of inequalities, specifically looking at gender justice.
- Madam Ton Nu Thi Ninh, President, Ho Chi Minh City Peace & Development Foundation & Vice President, Viet Nam Peace Committee
- Mr Theo Griffiths, Policy Advisor to the Chairman of Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry and AVYLD advisor
- Colonel Nerolie McDonald, Australian Defence Attaché in Vietnam and Laos
- Ms Lu Phuong, Gender Specialist, UN Women

Session 3 - Delegate projects
Delegates have the opportunity to present their projects to their fellow delegates.
- Mr Nathan Tran, Community Manager, AVYLD

Day 4 – Thu 30th May 2019
Building momentum
Ho Chi Minh City
Session 1 - Vietnam 2030: Identity, aspirations and challenges keynote
Vietnam has undergone, what some would say, a miracle in economic growth when turning itself from one of the poorest countries to one of the most dynamic emerging markets. Attributed to this miracle development is the country’s engagement of trade, privatization, efforts to reduce the costs of doing business and its heavy investments in human capital. What have been the main policy drivers that has fuelled growth? Would these strategies continue to work to maintain Vietnam’s development momentum over the next 10 years? Particularly in the context of technological disruption, Vietnam is and will confront deepening inequality and increasing environmental pressure. What are the main challenges confronting Vietnam to reach its ‘full potential and ensure prosperity for all?’ How can Vietnam address these challenges? What role does the bilateral relationship play in Vietnam’s continued development journey? These are a few of the questions to be addressed by leading experts on Vietnam.
- Professor Edith Maloney, Duke University – online
- Mr Cat Thi Nguyen, Chair and Co-founder of AVYLD

Session 2 - Australia 2030: Identity, aspirations and challenges keynote
For the past two decades Australia has enjoyed strong economic growth, mainly driven by global demand for its abundant natural resources and high quality education offering it high standards of living. It is unlikely that Australia will continue to rely solely on the resources sector to drive its economic growth, but innovation is a key driver for Australia’s future prosperity. It is difficult to predict the future, but this session aims to explore what will likely be the main drivers, opportunities and challenges for Australia towards 2030.
- Emeritus Professor Carl Thayer, University of New South Wales and AVYLD advisor
- Mr Julianne Cowley, Consul General, Ho Chi Minh City, Australian Government
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Day 5 - 2019 Gala Dinner
Closing Ceremony / Cruise
SPEAKERS & PANELISTS

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HIS EXCELLENCY CRAIG CHITTICK
HEAD OF MISSION, AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO VIETNAM

OPENING CEREMONY SPEAKER

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Huong Dang
CO-FOUNDER, HOPEBOX & INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER, KOTO VIETNAM
AVYLD 2017 DELEGATE

SESSION 1: KEYNOTE SPEAKER - LEADING WITH COURAGE

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MICHAEL CROFT
HEAD OF OFFICE AND UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE TO VIETNAM

OPENING CEREMONY SPEAKER

Born 1970 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Michael Croft holds a bachelor’s degree in Political Science (Honours First Class) and a master’s degree in International Affairs in Canada.

Mr Croft began his work with UNESCO in 1998 within the Culture of Peace Programme. He worked on various consultancies with the Office of the Director-General and the Education Sector before his appointment as a Project Officer in 2000 with the Division of Educational Policies and Strategies. In early 2005, Mr Croft left Headquarters for a string of programme management assignments in primarily crisis countries (Somalia/Iraq/Libya). In Libya, he served as the UNESCO Representative from 2014-2016.

In October 2016, Mr Croft was assigned to the Division of Field Support and Coordination at UNESCO Headquarters as the new Coordinator for Crisis Preparedness and Response (CPR). On 15 July 2017, he was appointed as UNESCO Representative in Viet Nam and Head of Hanoi Office.

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The Organising Committee, Advisors, Delegates and Alumni of AVYLD would like to take this opportunity to thank Sunrice for the contribution they have made to strengthening the bilateral relationship between Australia and Vietnam through their sponsorship. It is through the work of organisations like Sunrice that our two countries will continue to grow closer and become able to more effectively leverage our strengths for the betterment of people in both countries, and indeed in the world at large.

LEADING THE WAY

From a small village in Vietnam to UTS Insearch and UTS Australia’s No.1 young university, Hoang Dao is now the Founder and CEO of the most downloaded learn-to-read app in the App Store and Google Play, Monkey Junior.

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SPEAKERS & PANELISTS

MELISSA KEANE
PARTNER, ALLENS

SESSION 2: SESSION MODERATOR - GOVERNANCE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

Melissa is a Partner in the Project team at Allens, a commercial law firm that operates in the Asia-Pacific region. Melissa is a specialist in foreign investment and large scale infrastructure projects on the energy sector including project developments, M&A transactions, renewables, and new energy technologies. Melissa has worked with government, regulators, sponsors, and financiers across the globe including in Japan, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Australia and Mongolia.

She has been with Allens since 2004 when she joined as a lawyer in Melbourne. She was seconded to Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, one of Japan's leading law firms in Tokyo from 2006 to 2008 before moving back to Allens' Hanoi office, where she stayed as a senior associate until the end of 2012. She returned to Melbourne and rose to managing associate in 2016. She has recently returned with her family to Hanoi, Vietnam.

For more than 13 years, Melissa has been a supporter with extended periods volunteering in the Philippines for the Bahay Tuluyan Foundation Inc, a not-for-profit organisation that advocates for the rights of street children.

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PHAN DUC HIEU
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR MANAGEMENT (CIEM)

SESSION 2: PANELIST - GOVERNANCE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

Mr Phan Duc Hieu is currently the Vice President of the Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM), taking charge of conducting research and proposals for institutional reforms on the ease of doing business, enhancing competitiveness and promoting good corporate governance. As an analyst and policy-maker, he contributed to the success of the Government’s project on a number of economic and institutional reform programs and solutions for private sector development. Mr Hieu was the key person in drafting the Enterprise Law of Vietnam 2014, known as the largest reform law on business freedom. In addition, he has also been responsible for drafting the law on Economic Special Zones, Competition and Investment, etc. He is a popular trainer and speaker on corporate governance topics and has given course and training courses on corporate governance. Mr Hieu received his Master of Law from the University of Maastricht, the Netherlands in 2004.

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SCOTT PEARCE
PARTNER, KPMG

SESSION 2: PANELIST - GOVERNANCE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

Scott has been an audit partner with KPMG for the past 7 years, spending 5 years with KPMG Australia in Papua New Guinea before moving to Vietnam in 2017. Scott’s role in Papua New Guinea included that of Independence, Risk Management and Audit Quality Partner. He has continued his role as Audit Quality Partner in the Hanoi office. Originally from Australia, he has over 22 years’ experience in Audit and Accounting services including 15 years of international experience working in Papua New Guinea, Bahrain, Kazakhstan, Barbados, Ireland and Vietnam. In that time, he has worked across a wide variety of sectors and industries. As well as being an audit partner, Scott has had experience in consulting on Risk Management and Internal Audit services. His experience has provided him with a broad exposure to Corporate Governance within a variety of companies in both developed and developing countries. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy) from the University of Canberra and an accredited Chartered Accountants Australia License.

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Dr Dang Hoang Giang is the Deputy Director of Center for Community Support and Development Studies (CECODES). He is a development expert, social activist and author.

Dr Dang's research and policy advocacy activities aim to improve the quality of national governance, transparency, and voice of the people. Dr Dang strives to expand the space of civil society, to encourage critical thinking and to build up a culture of debate. He holds a Master's degree in Development Economics from the Vienna University of Technology in Germany and a PhD degree in Computer Science from Ilmenau Technology, Germany.

He is also an alternative Director for the Business Committee and previously a Director of Marriott of the Australian Banking Association's Strategy and planning, corporate affairs and marketing functions which aim to align the Bank's approach to responsible banking with the expectations of all customers. Rowan is a member of the Australian Banking Association's Strategy Committee and previously a Director of Marriott Support Services, a social enterprise serving people whose lives are impacted by disability. He also values accountability, transparency and developing others, with a track record of leading high performing teams.

Cheyne was previously Director of Corporate Affairs and Engagement at WorkSafe Victoria. He is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and holds a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Development.

Rowan began his career with Bank Australia since 1994. He is responsible for Bank Australia's strategy and planning, corporate affairs and marketing functions which aim to align the Bank's approach to responsible banking with the expectations of all customers. Rowan is a member of the Australian Banking Association’s Strategy Committee and previously a Director of Marriott Support Services, a social enterprise serving people whose lives are impacted by disability. He also values accountability, transparency and developing others, with a track record of leading high performing teams.

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Dr Dang is also an AVYLD alumna who participated in the first AVYLD in 2017 in Sydney. Elsa undertakes research to inform policies in the areas of resources, energy and food security. In 2015-16, Elsa lived and worked at The Center for People and Forests in Hanoi through the Australian Volunteers for International Development Program on climate change projects, in partnership with provincial governments, local NGOs and UN agencies. Prior to this Elsa worked as an analyst in the private sector evaluating the social and environmental impacts of climate change mitigation. She had also presented at international research conferences in Switzerland and Japan.

Elsa is also an AVYLD alumni who participated in the first AVYLD in 2017 in Sydney.

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Australian-Vietnamese Jimmy Viet Tuan Pham is the founder of KOTO (Know One, Teach One), a not-for-profit social enterprise which provides intensive hospitality and English language training at no cost for disadvantaged youth in Vietnam.

Jimmy witnessed the struggle of youth living rough upon his return to Vietnam in the 90s and established KOTO in 1999, firstly as a sandwich stall which then grew into a locally and internationally recognised social enterprise. In 2016, KOTO became the first legally registered entity operating as a social enterprise in Vietnam, after much-sought changes to the national law on Enterprises. Jimmy and KOTO have played host to a number of influential leaders including US President Bill Clinton (2000), Queen Margrethe of Denmark (2009) and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison (2019).

Jimmy Pham has played a pivotal role in bringing in international recognition for KOTO and Vietnam. In 2016, KOTO became the first legally registered internationally recognized social enterprise. In 2018, KOTO was awarded the Queen’s Young Leader Award from the Commonwealth for its work on reducing inequality.

Jimmy obtained her undergraduate degree of Computer Science and Finance from MIT, then started her career working on various roles within the investment banking, investment management, and hedge fund industries. Her passion is always at the intersection of technology to be an economic and social equalizer if deployed thoughtfully. With that passion, in 2018, Evelyn founded Canal Circle, a startup that aims to empower as well as leverage the power of technology to be an economic and social equalizer.

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David Do is a Managing Director at VI Group, a Vietnam focused Private Equity firm with $500 Million under management. He was previously a General Manager at Microsoft where he led Strategy, Mergers & Acquisitions, Investments, Joint Venture, and Post-Merger Integration. His operating experience includes managing global retail, telecom, media, payments sectors for Microsoft’s services businesses and well as serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Mobiistar, 2CUC, and companies in China, Australia, Mexico and the Middle East. Prior to working at Microsoft, David was a member of the Founding Team at EachNet, the leading Chinese e-commerce firm which was acquired by eBay for $225 Million. David has also worked at The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) and JP Morgan. David has an MBA from Harvard University. He also holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales.

David is also an advisor on the AIVL9 2019 Advisory Board.
Having studied in Vietnam and Europe, Madam Ton Nu Thi Ninh started her career as an university lecturer at Salford University (UK) and Saigon/Phú Chí Minh City University of Education. She then worked as a diplomat for more than 20 years, specializing in global issues (US-Vietnam, security and development, environmental, and human rights issues) at multilateral organizations (United Nations, Non-Aligned Movement, ASEAN). She was previously the Vietnamese Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, and Head of the Mission to the European Union in Brussels, before being elected as Vice President Foreign Affairs Committee, in charge of relations between Vietnam and North American and Western European countries. She was previously Co-Chair of the US-Vietnam Dialogue Group. Male Agent (2007-2020) and has been actively working in the area of sustainable development, gender equality, the rise of youth. Madam Ninh was awarded the First Class Eisenhower Fellow (US) from Vietnam in 2013. She has been a Fulbright scholar (US), and an inaugural Endeavour Fellow (Australia), an Endeavour Fellow (Australia), a Fulbright scholar (US) and an inaugural Endeavour Fellow (Australia) from Vietnam in 2013. Thao is also an advisor on the AVYLD 2019 Advisory Board.

Thao Griffiths is currently Policy Adviser to the Chairman of Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In 2018, she spent a year in Switzerland at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. Prior to that, she worked as Country Director of WAV, an American NGO focusing on development issues and the US-Vietnam people-to-people diplomacy. Since March 2016, she has served as an inaugural member of the Advisory Committee of the Australian Government in Vietnam. Thao studied at the Vietnam Academy of Diplomacy and holds a Masters in International Relations from American University in Washington DC. She has 13 years’ experience in management, public health, development, climate change, security policy, and IT-related business. In the private sector, she worked with Boeing, Bombardier Inc., Planned Systems International PSI, VOWA Inc., Microsoft Asia Pacific, and Cofely. She has been a CCSP Security Leadership Fellow (Switzerland); an Endeavour Fellow (Australia), a Fulbright scholar (US) and an inaugural Endeavour Fellow (Australia) from Vietnam in 2013. Thao is also an advisor on the AVYLD 2019 Advisory Board.

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SESSION 3: PANELIST - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Ms. Khanh Thi Nguy is a Vietnamese environmental activist and a clean-energy advocate. She is the Executive Director and Founder of the Green Innovation and Development Centre (GreenID) in Vietnam (http://greenidvietnam.org.vn). In 2018, she was the first Vietnamese to be awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize for developing long-term sustainable energy strategies that reduced dependence on coal power. In March 2018, she was listed in the World’s 100 most influential people in climate policy 2019 by Apolitical. She is also the Chair of Vietnamese Sustainable Energy Alliance and a core-member in a number of national and international networks related to sustainable energy, climate change, and environment. In 2016, she initiated the first Renewable Energy week, which has since become an open platform promoting good clean energy practices. She graduated from the Institute of International Relations in Hanoi, Vietnam with a Bachelor’s degree in Politics and Diplomacy. She also holds a number of certificates from international training courses on energy, water and clean environment.

SESSION 1: SPEAKER - VIETNAM 2030: IDENTITY, ASPIRATIONS, CHALLENGES

Edmund Maleisky is a Professor of Political Economy at Duke University; he is a noted specialist in economic development, authoritarian institutions, and comparative political economy in Vietnam. In 2012, Maleisky received a medal from the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry for his role in the International Development’s Vietnam Provincial Competitiveness Index. In 2011, he was Chair of Finance Committee of the Vietnam Education Foundation overseeing scholarship allocation and financial commitments. He has published extensively in leading political science and economic journals and is a recipient of various awards including the Harvard Academy Fellowship and the Rockefeller Bellagio Residency Fellowship. His two most recent books are China’s Governance Puzzle: Enabling Transparency and Participation in a Single-Party State (co-authored in 2018 with Nate Jensen). Maleisky is a graduate of the Georgetown School of Foreign Service and completed his Ph.D. at Duke University.

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SESSION 2: SPEAKER - AUSTRALIA 2030: IDENTITY, ASPIRATIONS, CHALLENGES

Janet Salem is an expert in sustainable consumption and production. She has worked for the United Nations for over 15 years in Paris, Vienna, and currently Bangkok - her home for the last seven years where she supports the EU funded SWITCH-Asia Programme. Janet’s work has focused on government partnerships to develop policies in a range of sectors, including sustainable tourism, eco-labels, green buildings, education, media and sustainable development. More recently, her work has evolved to private sector partnerships to enable sustainable consumption and production across eCommerce, food delivery, shopping malls, transport, venture capital and food systems. Janet set up the Sustainable Consumption and Production Winter Schools, and more recently the Asian Circular Economy Leadership Academy with Chulalongkorn University. She also launched the Sustainable Consumption and Production Winter Schools, and more recently the Asian Circular Economy Leadership Academy with Chulalongkorn University. She also launched the Asia Pacific Low Carbon Lifestyle Challenge in 2018, which supports startups that offer circular economy businesses models that help us live more sustainable lifestyles. Janet holds a Master’s degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of New South Wales, Australia.

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ALUMNI A CATCH-UP WITH SOME OF OUR ALUMNI FROM THE 2017 DIALOGUE

Hang Do
I focus on the logistics business of our group Seaworn for the past 2 years. SHH participating in endurance races, flying around and nerding on books. I met two of my best friends from AVYLD, and we’ve had our worldwide adventures.

Dat Pham
1. Doing my MBA at IESE Business School and heading to Chicago Booth in Fall
2. Working on always secretly a new startup

Andy Trieu
Presenting and producing TV, Radio, and Online segments for SBS PopAsia, ABC comedy, and inflight Qantas. Stared in an Australian TV show “Street Smart” and played Scorpion in the video game Mortal Kombat 11 (motion capture).

Isabella Truong
Now working in business development helping pharmacies build knowledge in natural medicines to grow their business.

He Lam
At Triip, we keep growing the company and successfully applied blockchain technology to our platform. Our mission is to make Trip the Happiest Way to Travel.

Elsa
I led a study on the human rights and environmental impacts of mining for renewable energy technologies and electric vehicles, which is being used as the basis for a campaign to promote more responsible sourcing practices in the supply chain.

David Ding
Thinking, planning and experimenting on how to make individuals more innovative through nudges or micro-steps.

Nga Le
I was promoted to be CEO for VBA 2018, then started my own startups Perrin & Co, a women’s fashion business and She Will Be Strong, a social enterprise for women empowerment. During all this, my biggest achievement is marrying an AVLYD delegate and organising 3 ceremonies across 2 countries.

Elouise Hahn
Focusing my efforts on an in-depth analysis into the Sustainable Development Goals and the Millennium Development Goals in relation to the effectiveness of eradicating poverty and hardship.

Huong Dang
The biggest change in my life since the Dialogue must be the birth of HopeBox, a Social Enterprise that provides healthy lunch boxes and creates jobs for women who have escaped from domestic violence. The project was pitched at the Dialogue and named by chi Thao and anh Hoang. Thanks the AVLYD community for supporting me and HopeBox so much. Without you, there is no HopeBox.

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AVYLD Co-Founders Thao Nguyen, Khai Ngo and Rachel Bui at APEC Vietnam with former Prime Minister of Australia, 2017

AVYLD 2019 Delegate Announcement Reception in Hanoi, hosted by Australia Ambassador to Vietnam, Craig Chittick

AVYLD 2019 Vietnam Launch hosted by Consul General to Vietnam

Discussions with Governor-General of Australia and AVYLD in Vietnam, 2018

AVYLD Alumni with Prime Minister of Vietnam at the 2018 Vietnam Australia Business Summit in Sydney

Steering Committee with Governor-General of Australia and his wife Lynne Cosgrove at AVYLD 2019 Vietnam Launch

AVYLD 2019 Delegate Announcement Reception in Melbourne, hosted by Asialink Business

Former Foreign Minister of Australia Julie Bishop’s Luncheon with the President of the National Assembly of Vietnam, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan and Delegation in 2017

Prince Harry meets with Prince Harry at Admiralty House in Sydney

AVYLD 2017 Launch in Sydney co-hosted with Asia Society Australia

AVYLD Alumni with Prime Minister of Vietnam at the 2016 Vietnam Australia Business Summit in Sydney

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Shelton, Commissioner of Victoria, General of Australia and his wife Lynda O’Grady at AVYLD 2019 Australia Launch