

2019 MIGRANT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Women's Conference held on 11 June 2019 at the NSW Parliament House was ACCF's first event that was specifically dedicated in honouring women. The theme "Migrant Women: From Adversities to Achievements" was chosen considering the complexities migrant women are facing in today's modern and multicultural society.

The 1-day conference brought together women from all walks of life who share common background as a migrant and provided them the opportunity to be inspired by a wide variety of female figures from disciplines such as politics, business, academic, arts, home-making, community services and many more.

Our speakers (listed below), each with a unique story behind them, had generously opened up their hearts and shared the struggles they had been through in their journey from rising above adversities to get to where they are today. Their real-life experiences are stories of hope offering tremendous spiritual support to the conference delegates. There is nothing more exciting and rewarding than to see the delegates walking away from the conference feeling supported, empowered, inspired, motivated and being understood.

Keynote Speaker

*Professor The Hon Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO,
former Governor of New South Wales (2001-2014)*

Conference & Panel Speakers

*Ms Angela Paikea, Founder, Paikea Designs
Dr Christina Ho, Senior Lecturer, University of Technology, Sydney
The Hon Dr Helen Sham-Ho OAM JP, former New South Wales Parliamentarian
Ms Nahji Chu, Founder, Former CEO & Creative Director of misschu
Ms Sanushka Seomangal, Special Counsel (Corporate), Thomson Geer Lawyers
Ms Anne Bi, Chairman, B1 Group Pty Ltd
Ms Dai Le, Culturalpreneur & Founder, DAWN
Ms Maha Krayem Abdo OAM, CEO, Muslim Women Association
Ms Phaptawan Suwannakudt, Contemporary Artist
Ms Nancy Georje-Bodikian
Ms Natali Smud
Ms Viji Dhayanathan*

MC & Panel Facilitator

*Mr John Mangos
Ms Widyan Fares*

Conference Performer

Multicultural Women's Hub



From top to bottom, left to right:

- Dr Christina Ho receiving a token of thanks from one of our sponsors Australian Taiwan Women's Association
- Professor The Hon Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO delivering her keynote address
- The conference was attended by women from a variety of cultural background
- Speaker Ms Dai Le receiving a token of thanks from Former ACCF Chairman Mr Samuel Chu OAM
- Ms Viji Dhayanathan, Ms Nancy Georje-Bodikian, Ms Natali Smud and facilitator Ms Widyan Fares during panel discussion
- Chairman Mrs Monica Chu delivering her welcome speech
- The Hon Dr Helen Sham-Ho OAM JP receiving a token of thanks from Former ACCF Chairman Mr Benjamin Chow AO
- Ms Maha Krayem Abdo OAM delivering her powerful speech at the conference
- The conference was well received by the delegates
- Conference Director Ms Cecilia Tsai and Conference Committee Member Ms Tury To at the reception
- Conference delegates having some fun with one another during the trivia sessions