



Media release

Noel Pearson to address Institute of Foresters National Conference 2017

Noel Pearson, Director of the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership, has been named as a Keynote speaker for the 2017 Institute of Foresters conference about tropical forestry to be held in Cairns from 14-17 August.

Noel is Director of the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership, an organisation promoting the economic and social development of Cape York in far north Queensland.

Dr Kevin Harding, Chair of the Conference Organising Committee said, 'An engaging and thought-provoking speaker, Noel is sure to leave conference-goers wanting more - and more will be provided.

'Noel will be joined by Professor Sandra Harding, Vice Chancellor and President of James Cook University Australia.

'An economic sociologist by training, Professor Harding has a keen interest in the global Tropics, northern Australia and economic development.

'There are few countries in our region that have not been influenced by forestry leaders trained in Australia.

'The conference location brings focus on Northern Australian Development, particularly the role that forestry should play in development initiatives that are canvassed in the 2015 Northern Australia White Paper', said Kevin.

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Supporting Notes:

More details are available from the Conference website at www.ifa.consec.com.au

Key Dates:

Last date for abstract submissions - 31 March 2017

Online Registration Open - April 2017

Conference - 14-17 August 2017