



## Oral presentation speaker briefing notes

The aes17 conference committee welcome your contribution to this year's International Evaluation Conference.

In order to ensure that your presentation runs smoothly, a number of services and facilities will be provided for you.

***Please take the time to read the following instructions to ensure your presentation is successful.***

### Important information and instructions

Note that you must bring your PowerPoint files, in 16:9 widescreen format, NOT the power-point default 4:3 format to the conference and lodge with the onsite Speaker Preparation Room technician. Please carefully read the following instructions for more details. If you have a question, email [conference@aes.asn.au](mailto:conference@aes.asn.au).

### Registration Desk: Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 September

Location:	Entrance of Exhibition Hall, National Convention Centre Canberra, 31 Constitution Avenue, Canberra, ACT, Australia	
Times:	Monday 4 September	7:30 am to 4:00 pm
	Tuesday 5 September	7:30 am to 4:00 pm
	Wednesday 5 September	7:30 am to 3:00 pm

### Keep up to date using the aes17 online conference program

Please check the online conference program for up-to-date information about your presentation time and room allocation.

The online program can be found at:

**Mobile** devices: <http://aes17.sched.com/mobile>

**Desktop** browser: <https://aes17.sched.com/>

### Speaker registration details

- Collect your name badge and other materials from the Registration Desk.
- After you have collected your name badge and other materials go to the Speaker Preparation Room where you must check-in your presentation, in 16:9 widescreen PowerPoint format, with the audio visual technician.
- Check-in time: At least 2 hours prior to presenting, except early morning which is one hour prior.

## Speaker preparation room

Location:	Executive Room, First Floor, National Convention Centre Canberra, 31 Constitution Avenue, Canberra, ACT, Australia	
Opening times:	Monday 4 September	7:30am to 4:00pm
	Tuesday 5 September	7:30am to 3:00pm
	Wednesday 6 September	7:30am to 2:00pm

## PowerPoint presentation format

- Your PowerPoint presentation should be saved on a USB stick or USB drive in **Microsoft PowerPoint file format** set up as **landscape orientation in the 16:9 (widescreen) aspect ratio**. (Although presentations prepared in 4:3 aspect ratio will still be displayed on the screen, they will not fill the entire screen.) The onsite technicians will be able to copy your file.
- An AV technician will upload all presentations, which will be pre-linked so that session chairs can quickly and easily open them in order to keep the program on time.

## Presentation computer software

- Microsoft Windows with Microsoft Office.

## Presentation session procedures

AV technicians are in constant attendance at the venue. Following is a brief explanation of the presentation procedures at the Conference:

- Conference session:** Your presentation is part of a conference **session** containing 2 or 3 other presentations (please check the online program to find out who else is presenting during your session).
- Session location:** Please make yourself aware of the starting time and location of your session. The online program contains up-to-date information (see above).
- Session briefing:** 15 minutes before the start of the session, meet with your session chair and co-presenters in or near the allocated session room. (**Note** that most sessions start immediately following a break or plenary. Therefore, you must proceed to your session room during the break or when plenary Q&A commences.)
- Short bio:** On arrival give the session chair a printed copy of a short (one line) bio of every presenter in your presentation
- Room equipment:** A computer will be available in each room. Please familiarise yourself with this equipment prior to your presentation. Venue technicians are on hand if needed.
- Speakers and the session chair to sit either in the front row of seats or at the front table (if one is available), close to the lectern.
- Please attend the whole of the session!**
- Microphones will be on at all times.**
- In the unlikely event of a problem, the session chair will ensure that an onsite technician attends. Please continue so that you do not lose your timeslot.
- The *session chair* will **strictly time** your presentation and will let you know when you have 5 minutes, and 2 minutes, left for your talk (use a prearranged

signal), and allowing for some question time. Please ensure that you wind up your session on time to keep to the program timetable.

The last 5 minutes of each session that is not followed by a break, is allocated to allow delegates to change breakout rooms if they are not staying for the next speaker.

### **Presentation room equipment**

Every presentation room is equipped with:

- Screen/s
- an audio system
- a presentation computer (Wireless internet is available, please check with the technicians to see if internet access is available on your rooms computer.)
- lighting
- lectern, and
- Q&A microphone where necessary

### **Cultural Protocols**

The AES Cultural Capacity and Diversity Committee has prepared the attached cultural protocol document. The Conference will commence with Welcome to Country. Presenters are encouraged to carefully read the following protocols and make appropriate acknowledgement to the people of the land they are visiting.

## **ATTACHMENT: CULTURAL PROTOCOLS**

Indigenous communities in Australia have experienced significant imposed upheaval in our Country. Unlike some of our Indigenous brothers and sisters, Australia has no treaty with its Indigenous people, but despite this, we remain strongly connected to the Country of our ancestors. We are the traditional custodians of this land.

In Australia there are diverse Aboriginal language groups of different countries. An Aboriginal language group and connection to Country forms part of Aboriginal people's cultural identity. Aboriginal's peoples' connection to Country and to their cultural identity is maintained through a number of key institutions of culture. We have our own unique ways of keeping, preserving and practising our knowledge systems. Hence, for us as Aboriginal peoples it is important that we respect and affirm:

- Own language and/or dialect;
- The Country where our families are from eg Wergaia, Gunditjmarra;
- Our own laws and lore, customs, cultural practices and protocols; and
- Our own beliefs, stories, keepers of stories, ceremonies and totems.

In situations where we are visiting another person's Country, i.e. not our own, it is appropriate to give acknowledgement to the people of that land. In a Conference setting, such as that run by AES every year, it is appropriate that the Conference organisers recognise the Traditional Owners in two ways, first by understanding the process of the Welcome to Country and then by understanding the Acknowledgement of Country.

The AES encourages its members to become familiar with the distinctions between these two events and to use them appropriately when acting as a representative or member of the AES.

### **Welcome to Country:**

A Welcome to Country is where an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Traditional Owner, Custodian or Elder welcomes people to their land. Protocols for welcoming visitors to Country have been part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures for thousands of years.

Therefore a Welcome to Country can only be offered by a Traditional Owner.

Welcome to Country always occurs at the opening of a large or significant event and has to be the first item on the program. The local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Custodian or Traditional owner conducts the ceremony and this may be done through a speech, song, ceremony or a combination of these things. It is important for the Traditional Owners to be comfortable with the arrangements and is held as a sign of respect.

Prior to the event, organisers are advised to seek advice on who should perform the Welcome to Country. Local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people may be able to assist identify the Traditional Owners of that country. Organisers may also seek advice from Regional Aboriginal Land and Sea Councils or from the appropriate government department responsible for Indigenous Affairs, or major Indigenous peak bodies (e.g. an Aboriginal Medical Service)

Once having identified the correct people to undertake the Welcome to Country the organisers should then spend time, preferably face to face, explaining the type of public event which is being organised and how best to prepare for this.

It is important to consider that the performing of a Welcome to Country ceremony is a right of the local Aboriginal Traditional Owners and not a privilege.

### **Acknowledgement of Country:**

An Acknowledgement of Country does not replace a Welcome to Country. Usually an Acknowledgement of Country is done at smaller gatherings. It is carried out to show respect to the Traditional Owners. It is strongly encouraged that an Acknowledgement of Country is conducted at the start of AES Board meetings, the Regional Meetings, and may also be given at any other meeting already opened with a Welcome to Country.

An Acknowledgement of Country is a way of showing respect and awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owners of the land on which a meeting or event is being held, and of recognising the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to their Country. It is a demonstration of respect dedicated to the traditional custodians of the land or sea where the gathering of participants is being conducted.

In order to offer an Acknowledgement of Country it may be helpful for people to know that:

- There are no set protocols or wording
- It need not be an elaborate ceremony, and may consist simply of a few words
- It is offered at the beginning of a meeting, speech or formal occasion
- It is the **minimum** standard protocol for any meeting or gathering

To make an Acknowledgement of Country really meaningful and not a token gesture, it is important people find out that name of the Aboriginal group and nation who are the Traditional Owners of the area and learn how to properly pronounce their names.

Below we provide some examples of how you might structure an Acknowledgement to Country. Remember there is no one correct way – the important thing is to be genuinely respectful of what Traditional Owners have given up as a consequence of sharing their lands with non-Aboriginal people, and their ongoing and profound connection to that land.

### **Examples of Acknowledgement of Country:**

I would like to acknowledge the ..... people who are the traditional custodians of this land.

I would also like to pay my respects to Elders past and present of the ..... nation, and I extend that respect to other Indigenous people who are present.

I would like to acknowledge that we meet on Aboriginal land, the land of the ..... people of the .....nation. I like to pay respect to their Elders past and present.

**NB:** If you don't know, are uncertain or can't find out who the Traditional Owners are, it is better NOT to name any specific peoples and instead use the acknowledgement below:

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to the Elders past and present.

More information can be found at the following website :

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/>

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Welcome-to-and-Acknowledgement-of-Country.pdf>