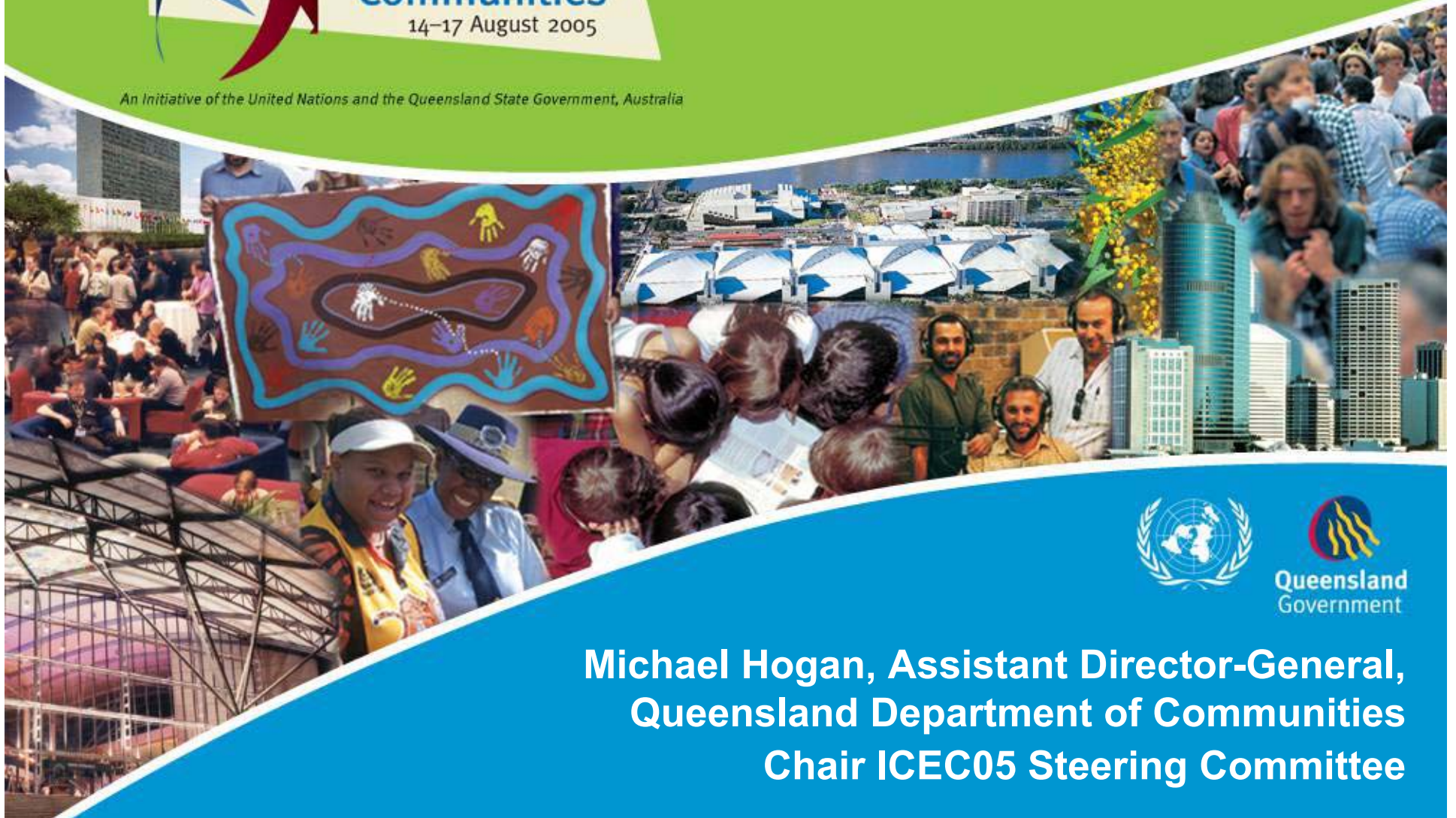




**International
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on Engaging
Communities**
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**Presentation to the 4th Session of the
UN Committee of Experts on Public
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**Queensland
Government**

**Michael Hogan, Assistant Director-General,
Queensland Department of Communities
Chair ICEC05 Steering Committee**



Message from the Honourable Peter Beattie MP, Premier of Queensland

“The Queensland State Government is proud to partner with the United Nations in developing the inaugural International Conference on Engaging Communities.

It is a great honour that the UN has chosen to work with Queensland in developing this international event, in recognition of the State’s reputation as an active democracy.

Queensland is a leader in implementing new ways for citizens to participate.

This Conference will provide an unparalleled opportunity for community engagement and development practitioners locally and from around the world to interact with leading international thinkers.

I invite you to visit our great vast State and experience one of the world’s most spectacular destinations.”





ICEC05 - global context

- the universal challenges for institutions of 'trust', 'participation', 'legitimacy', 'accountability' and 'efficacy'
- the fundamentally 'relational' nature of governance & business in the public, private & community sectors
- the 'connectedness' required for sustainable economic, social and environmental development
- 'engagement' and 'equity' missing ingredients from New Public Management's mantra of 'efficiency' & 'effectiveness'





ICEC05 - Queensland context

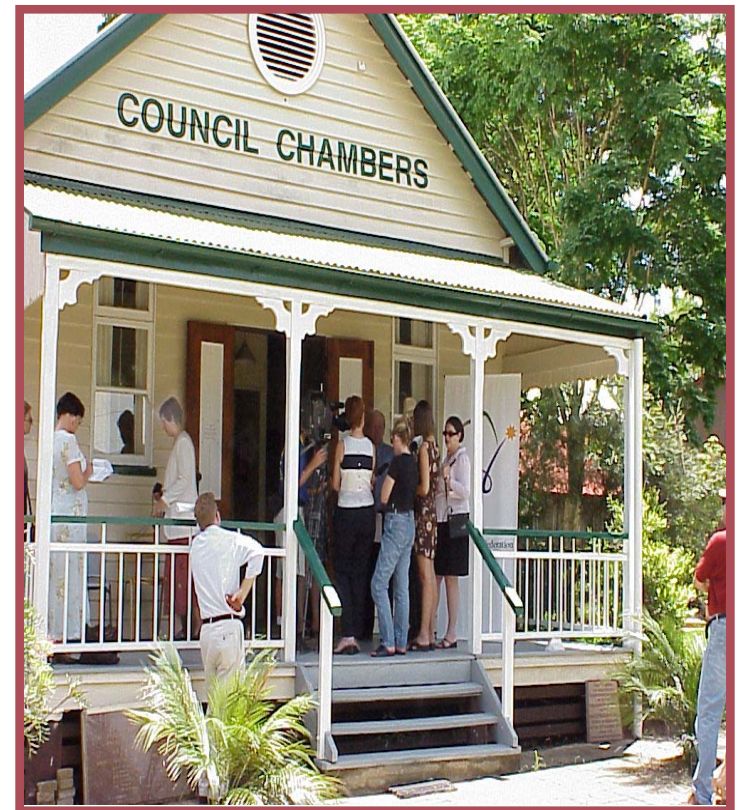
- Qld the birthplace of Australian Labour Party in 1891; Qld celebrates the centenary of women's suffrage in 2005
- major democratic renewal since 1987 - new constitution, institutional reformation, public sector modernisation and engaging political leadership
- *'delivering responsive government ... through community engagement'* one of the Beattie Government's 7 priorities





ICEC05 - Queensland context

- multi-level, integrated & innovative approach to CE:
 - Community Cabinets
 - Ministerial Regional Community Forums
 - regional sittings of Parliament
 - Indigenous Negotiation Tables
 - public sector CE Improvement Strategy
 - *Engaging Queenslanders* Guides
 - e-democracy
 - see more at:
www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au





ICEC05 – development (UN Context)

- dialogue between UNDESA and Dept of the Premier and Cabinet from 2002
- agreement in early 2004 between UN and Qld Government to jointly organise a conference
- launch of the inaugural *International Conference on Engaging Communities* by Premier Beattie and Mr Guido Bertucci in Brisbane in August 2004
- support from the Prime Minister of Australia and other State and Territory Governments





ICEC05 - governance

- Steering Committee of key agencies and partners
- Qld Govt / UNDPADM Executive C'ee
- ICEC05 Sub-Committees:
 - Content & Structure
 - Knowledge Sharing
 - Managing Govt Relations
 - Engagement, Marketing & Sponsorship
 - Logistics, Side Tours & Social
 - Safety & Security





ICEC05 - objectives + design principles

- promote community engagement / public participation
 - foster leadership, innovation, capacity & best practice
 - create & share knowledge of theory, evidence & methods
 - create a legacy of connections, networks & centre of excellence
- cross sectors - public, market & civil society
 - cross jurisdictions - from local to global
 - span theory, policy & practice
 - link leaders & practitioners
 - be engaging
 - make it worth doing again!





ICEC05 – promotion & partnerships

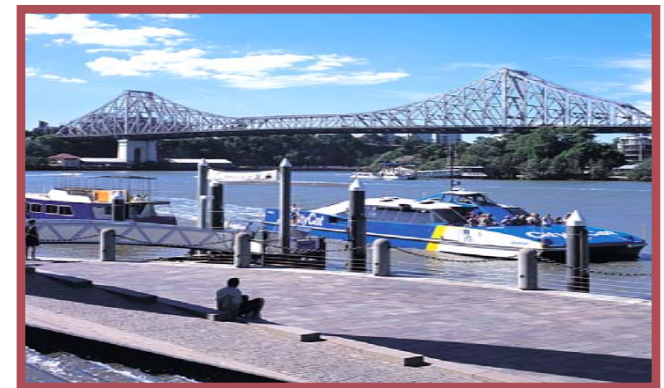
- widespread promotion in conjunction with the UN through international fora & networks
- productive partnership with eight Australian universities, Brisbane City Council & Qld Local Government & Shires Association and Institute of Public Administration Australia
- engaged with international development sector (non-government) via Foundation for Development Cooperation & consultant





ICEC05 - participation, papers & posters

- 1500 - 2000 participants
- UN supporting 50 participants
- over 670 abstracts received; reviewed by 44 academics & practitioners worldwide
- 300 first round offers
- 30 countries; 1/3 non-Australian
- 9 plenaries; 16 major panels; 100 sessions; web-casting
- Five parallel UN Special Meetings & Workshops
- Premier's Welcome Reception & Conference Dinner & other cultural events
- Exhibition area





ICEC05 - program themes & sessions

Engaging Practices

- e-democracy
- peoples budgeting
- partnerships
- deliberative methods
- participatory evaluation
- community ICT

Engaging Places

- rural & remote
- urban renewal
- regional planning

Engaging Peoples

- citizens + clients
- Indigenous
- women
- youth
- cultural diversity

Engaging Institutions

- parliaments
- governments / public sector
- private sector
- NGOs / civil society
- universities & schools

Engaging for Results

- poverty reduction
- social equity
- health
- social capital
- community safety
- disaster recovery
- post conflict recovery
- economic success
- sustainability





ICEC05 - Key note speakers

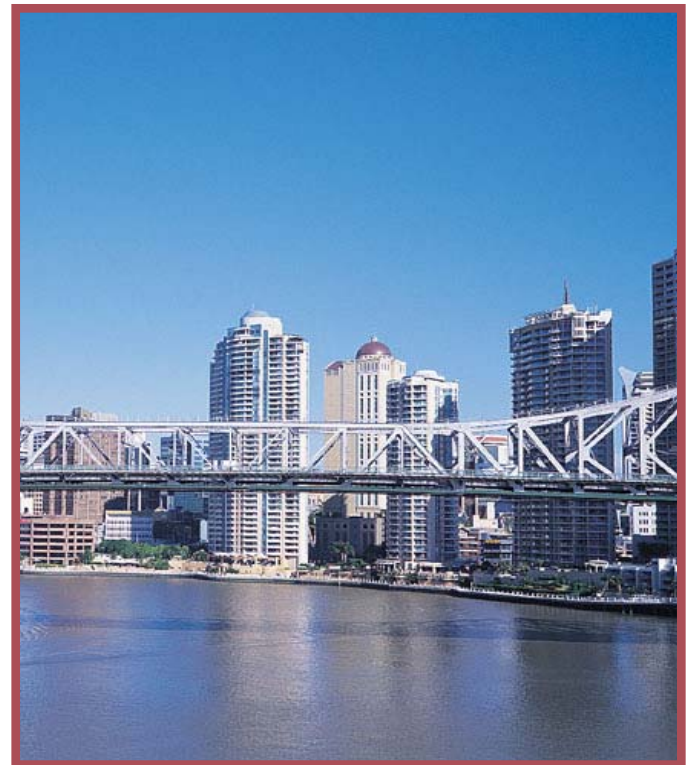
- **Mr Kim Hak-Su**
UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
- **Mrs Mary Robinson**
Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, former President of Ireland
- **Reverend Tim Costello**
CEO World Vision
- **Dr Jose Ramos Horta**
Winner of 1996 Nobel Peace Prize - Foreign Minister of Timor Leste
- **Mr Olivio Dutra**
Brazilian Minister for Cities, former Governor for the Brazilian State of Rio Grande do Sul
- **Professor Robert Putnam**
Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University, author of "*Bowling Alone*"
- **Mr Kwame S Jomo**
Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations
- **Ms Erna Witoelar**
UN Special Ambassador for Millennium Development Goals (MDG) for the Asia Pacific Region; former Indonesian Minister
- **Professor Stephen Coleman**
Visiting Professor in e-Democracy, Oxford Internet Institute
- **Dame Mavis McDonald DCB**
Permanent Secretary Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, UK
- **Ms Georgina Beyer**
New Zealand MP





ICEC05 - destination Brisbane, Queensland

- **Queensland** - Australia's Smart State, engaging globally, a long-standing democracy, decentralised & diverse population
- **Brisbane** - capital city of Queensland, a friendly, livable & sophisticated city of 1 million, Australia's largest sub-tropical city





ICEC05 - destination Brisbane, Queensland

- **Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC)** - state-of-the-art convention and exhibition centre, largest tiered plenary capacity in Australia located in the fabulous South Bank precinct
- **Side tours** - world-class destinations such as the Great Barrier Reef + first hand experience of CE initiatives





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ICEC05 - questions & further information

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 - about community engagement in Qld: www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au
 - about Queensland: www.qld.gov.au
 - about Brisbane: www.brisbane.qld.gov.au
- **Questions?**

