



CIFAL NEWCASTLE

TRAINING & EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



About Us

CAPACITY BUILDING OUR COMMUNITIES

CIFAL Newcastle is hosted by the University of Newcastle in Australia.

CIFAL Newcastle serves as a hub for capacity building in key sustainable development related issues across the Pacific region and in Australia.

CIFAL Newcastle's thematic areas are:

- Urban Governance and Planning
- Social Inclusion
- Economic Development
- Capacity for Agenda 2030

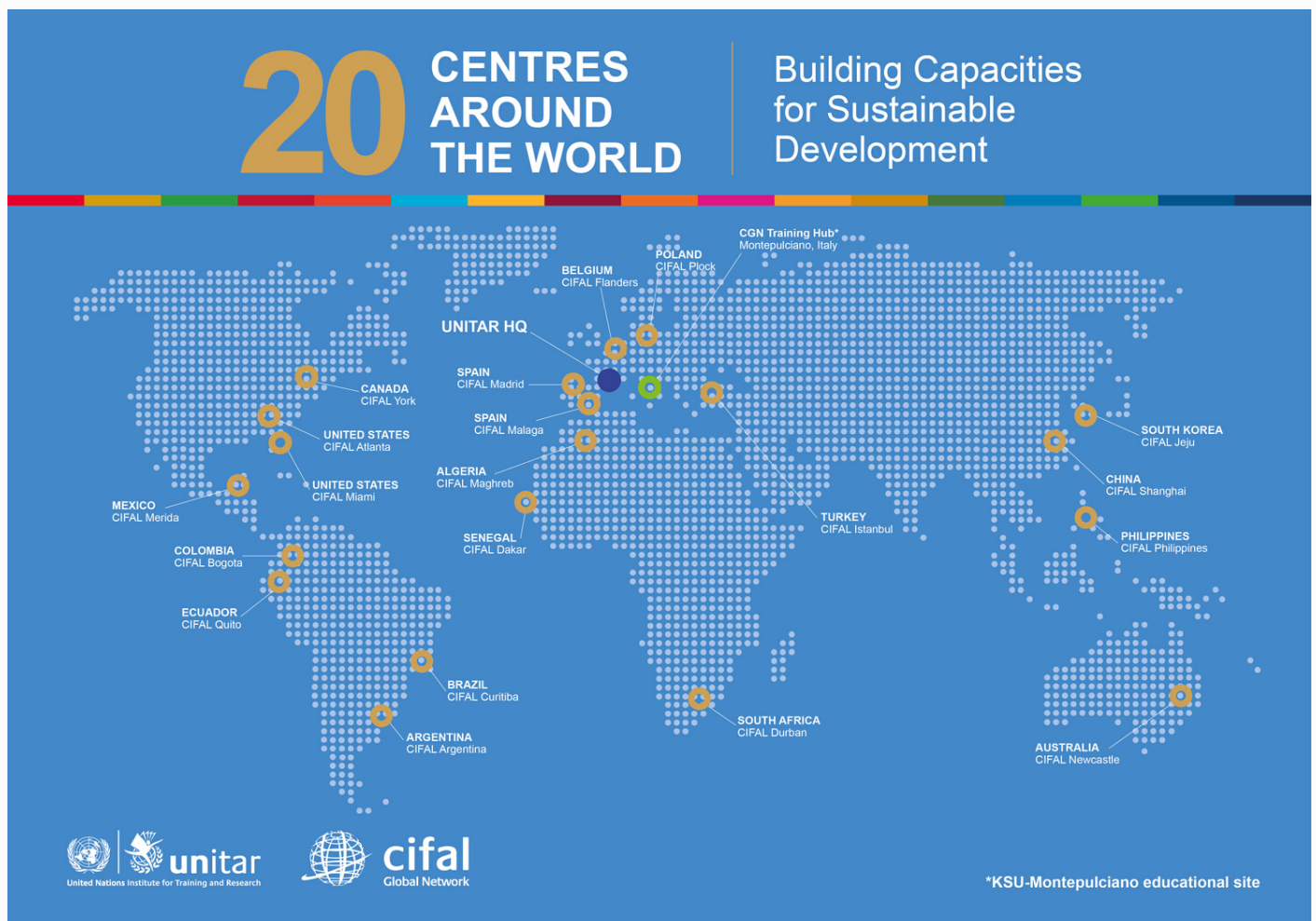


Our Global Network

New Co-living Spaces in the CBD

The CIFAL Global Network is composed of 19 International Training Centres for Authorities and Leaders. These CIFAL centres are located across Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe, the Americas and the Caribbean.

The network provides innovative training throughout the world and serves as a hub for the exchange of knowledge amongst government officials, the private sector and civil society.





2019 Highlights



UN YOUTH AMBASSADOR LISTENING TOUR

June 2019

CIFAL Newcastle partnered with Newcastle Libraries and the Youth Council to host Australian UN Youth Ambassador, Kareem El Ansary, as part of his Australia-wide Listening Tour.

Local youth had the opportunity to meet with Kareem to raise issues relevant to the future of the region, with mental health and climate action high on the agenda.

UNDERSTANDING RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH KOREA

July 2019

This year's NCP elective students travelled to South Korea where they attended the 14th Youth Workshop hosted by CIFAL Jeju. The theme for 2019 was 'Youth Engagement for Sustainable Consumption and Production'.



OFFICIAL AGREEMENT SIGNED IN GENEVA

August 2019

2019 saw the renewal of the cooperation agreement between UNITAR, The University of Newcastle and CIFAL Newcastle, making CIFAL Newcastle 'officially' part of the growing global network.

CIFAL Newcastle is the first CIFAL centre to be established within a university (from its inception), and the first to be established in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.



SEMINAR: BUSHFIRE RESILIENCE

September 2019

CEO of the Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC Dr. Richard Thornton outlined key resilience, community and bushfire-related hazard research undertaken by the Bushfire and Natural hazards CRC.

Dr Thornton highlighted the importance of aligning research with practice as a means of addressing public information and engagement issues.



UON SUSTAINABILITY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

October 2019

Student representatives met with Professor Kevin Hall, Vice-President of Global Engagement and Partnerships, to discuss the University's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, their impact on student welfare and the value of embedding the SDGs in tertiary education.





UNITED NATIONS FLAG FLIES HIGH AT UON

October 2019

As part of the CIFAL Newcastle inaugural opening celebrations, University dignitaries were joined by local Councillor Peta Winney-Baartz to formally raise the UN flag on the Callaghan campus.

The UN flag is an ongoing, tangible representation of the University's affiliation with the United Nations through CIFAL.

WORKSHOP: RESILIENCE THROUGH SHARED INFORMATION

October 2019

Disaster and emergency responders gathered from across NSW to identify and address training and research needs in built and social resilience and to promote and identify training and research partnerships.



TRAINING OF TRAINERS: DISASTER WASTE MANAGEMENT

November 2019

Held in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), CIFAL Newcastle co-delivered a Training of Trainers program to improve disaster response in Port Vila, Vanuatu, and appropriately manage waste created in times of disaster. A highlight of the training was the development of a Disaster Waste Management Action Plan for the area.

2018 Highlights



BUILDING CAPACITY IN EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY

February 2018

This 10 day program was delivered in partnership with Newcastle Business School and the Kenya Public Service Commission. The aim of the program was to support the PSC to build capacity in the areas of public service ethics and values and to build a culture of innovation and improvement.

Participants attended workshops at Parliament House in Sydney and a reception at the Kenyan High Commission.

RESEARCH PROJECT: BUILDING CODES AND DISASTER RESILIENCE

April 2018

The research project and accompanying workshops *Understanding Opportunities and Challenges of Compliance to Safe Building Codes for Disaster Resilience in South Asia- the Case of Bangladesh and Nepal* was conducted in partnership with the Asia Pacific Network of Global Change Research.

The workshops explored the role of safe building codes in building resilience in the face of disaster.





SYMPOSIUM: NEWCASTLE AS A RESTORATIVE CITY

June 2018

CIFAL Newcastle partnered with Newcastle Law School and the University of Newcastle to deliver this 2 day symposium. Participants heard from international keynote speakers about the ways that Restorative Cities manage social and community challenges through a restorative practice and approach.

CENTRAL COAST MODEL UN ASSEMBLY

June 2018

CIFAL Newcastle had the honour of providing an adjudicator and delivering the keynote address to the Central Coast Model UN Assembly. It's its 21st year in 2018, this event provides an opportunity for local students to debate resolutions and voice their views on global events in an internationally-recognised setting.



PUBLIC SEMINAR: HUMAN MIGRATION AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

August 2018

Dr Edna Co, Professor of Public Administration at the University of the Philippines and the Executive Director of CIFAL Manila visited Newcastle to share her extensive experience in migration and social development.

Dr. Co explored the global challenges surrounding unprecedented levels of human migration and the implications for disaster management and the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Agenda for 2030.



UNDERSTANDING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND RESILIENCE IN SOUTH KOREA AND AUSTRALIA

July 2018

CIFAL Newcastle partnered with CIFAL Jeju to create this opportunity for an international exchange of ideas. Undergraduate students in the Bachelor of Architecture, Construction Management and Industrial Design participating in this elective received an introduction to the SDG's and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction before travelling to Incheon and Jeju Island, South Korea.



There they attended a 3-day youth workshop on sustainable development that provided insight into these UN frameworks in action in the Korean context.

Participants were given the opportunity to attend an introductory Korean language workshop, and to engage with local South Korean unique architecture, art and natural environments.

Students received a Certificate of Completion from the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and CIFAL Newcastle for their participation in this course.





2017 Highlights



TRAINING THE TRAINERS: DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN FIJI

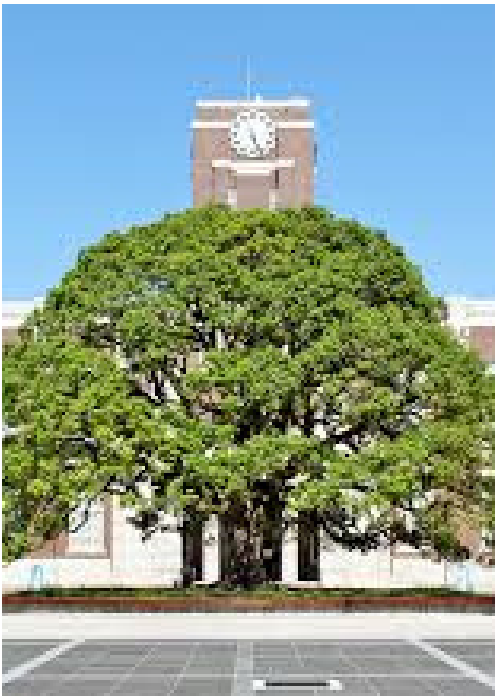
February - September 2017

In 2017 CIFAL Newcastle co-developed a 3-day training package for capacity building of women leaders on disaster resilience in remote areas of Fiji.

Supported by DFAT, the project was led by Dr Ifte Ahmed and the team included Associate Professor Thayaparan Gajendran, Dr Helen Giggins and Dr Graham Brewer, all academic staff from the School of Architecture and Built Environment. The Fiji Police Force was the local partner.

The project was supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Australian National Commission for UNESCO.





PUBLIC SEMINAR: FROM PARIS TO CANBERRA- TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE CARBON MARKETS IN AUSTRALIA

February 2017

CIFAL Newcastle hosted Associate Professor Sven Rudolph from Kyoto University in collaboration with the Newcastle Law School and the Tom Farrell Institute.

This seminar provided an analysis of the United Nations Paris Agreement on Climate Change adopted in 2015, its implementation and its challenges within the Australian political context with a focus on carbon markets.

PRESENTATIONS: LOCAL ACTION TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL GOALS

May 2017

Associate Professor Graham Brewer delivered a presentation on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Sustainable Development Goals at the Floodplain Management Australia National Conference.

CIFAL Newcastle was pleased to support the Active Transport Conference, an event coordinated by the Tom Farrell Institute. Underpinning this event was the use of SDG-oriented thinking as a guide for sustainable tourism development.



UNITED NATIONS AID AND DEVELOPMENT CAREERS FAIR

May 2017

The University of Newcastle Student Careers Team and CIFAL Newcastle hosted a one day careers fair themed around careers in International Aid and Development. The event brought together around 300 students from different disciplines at the University of Newcastle to engage with a range of activities and exhibitions available on the day.

GLOUCESTER SUSTAINABILITY DAY

July 2017

CIFAL Newcastle participated in Gloucester Sustainability Day. Students from Gloucester High School attended a lecture delivered by CIFAL introducing them to the SDGs before participating in interactive workshops. These workshops enabled students to use scenario planning to apply the SDGs to their local area and identify stakeholders involved in shaping a more sustainable future.



A VISIT FROM UNITAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 2017

CIFAL Newcastle had the honour of hosting United Nations Assistant Secretary General Mr Nikhil Seth and Executive Director for UNITAR - Mr Alex Mejia in December. During this visit they met with University and City of Newcastle dignitaries including Lord Mayor Nuatali Nemes (below), MP Sharon Claydon and University Vice-Chancellor Caroline McMillen .



PUBLIC LECTURE: THE IMPORTANCE OF TECHNOLOGY IN ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

December 2017

As part of his visit to Australia, United Nations Assistant Secretary General Mr Nikhil Seth delivered a free public lecture, providing an overview of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the ongoing technological advances offering significant potential for accelerating progress on the SDGs.

