



AAUN Australia Forum 2026



01 September 2026



ECU City Campus Perth CBD

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Registration (in-person or virtual) is essential [via this link](#).

Registration deadline: **8 August 2026**

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PROGRAM [DRAFT]

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
MONDAY 31 August Welcome Reception, Australia-Africa Week 2026 Mezzanine Level (tbc)		
18.00	Welcome speeches, networking ECU student musical performance	ECU VC/DVC CEO Paydirt Media/Africa Down Under Co-Chair AAUN DFAT Africa Branch President OACWA
TUESDAY 1 September AAUN Australia Forum 2026 Function Room, Level 7		
08.30	Registration	AAUN Secretary and student volunteers
09.00	Welcome Session	Welcome to Country ECU VC/DVC AAUN Co-Chair Australia University of Pretoria VC (for AAUN Africa) DFAT Africa Branch / Minister
09.30	Deepening Australia-Africa Relations to 2040 Launch of the AAUN ELAAD Policy Report	AAUN ELAAD Fellows Judith Neilson Foundation (sponsor) Panel discussion with Heads of Diplomatic Missions
10.30	Extended morning tea & guided walking tour of new ECU City Campus	
11.30	African Impact in Australia: Understanding Social, Political and Economic Agency in the Diaspora Launch of Australian Research Council Discovery Project Report	Presentation of report by ARC project team Panel discussion with WA African diaspora community leaders, professionals and researchers
13.00	Group lunch with ECU Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) student performance	
14.00	AAUN ECR Hackathon	Presentations by competing teams led by AAUN ECR representatives
15.15	AAUN Partnership & Research Development Fund (PRDF) Grants	Research project update presentations by 2025 winning CIs Murdoch University x 2 ECU Curtin University
16.30	Closing Session: AAUN Business & Announcements	AAUN Co-Chairs Announcements: PRDF 2026 grant winners Hackathon winning team John Hearn Memorial Lecture 2026

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