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## EVENT REPORT 2022

# OVERVIEW

Effective policy is essential for a thriving social enterprise sector. Social enterprise ecosystem players, whether directly involved with policy development or delivery or simply with an interest in social enterprise policy, were able to connect and learn at this event.

The SEWF 2022 Policy Forum kicked off this year's annual programme of events, which is being co-hosted by White Box Enterprises to shine a spotlight on Australia. The annual SEWF Policy Forum was held online, was open to all and free to attend.

When the SEWF Policy Forum first went virtual in 2020, we continued our traditional format of focusing on global policy updates within the context of ecosystem pillars like social finance and awareness raising. In 2021, to broaden the scope of the discussion, we structured the event around the ways in which social enterprise can be seen as a tool to address some of the most complex policy challenges. Building on those discussions, we structured this event around 4 key themes:

- Policy & Systems
- Climate Solutions
- Future of Work
- Community-led Solutions

In addition to inspiring panels and keynotes with live Q&A and chat, this year the event also featured:

- Online networking
- Online spaces for discussion
- On-demand recordings for ticket holders

# EVENT EXPERIENCE

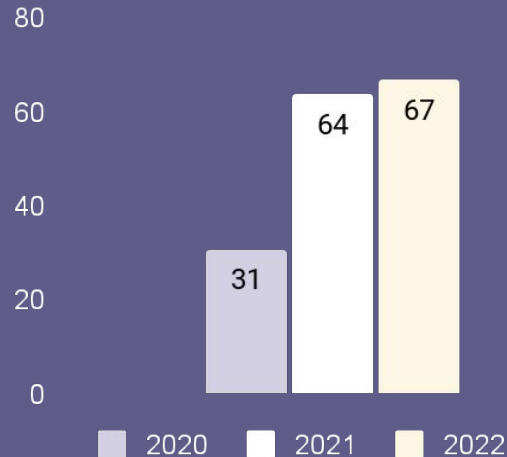
## REGISTRATIONS



**2021** - 674 Registrations

**2020** - 218 Registrations

## TOTAL COUNTRIES



## TOP 5 COUNTRIES REGISTERED

**AUSTRALIA**  
**374** Registrations

**AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND**  
**41** Registrations

**CANADA**  
**39** Registrations

**UNITED KINGDOM**  
**37** Registrations <sup>1.</sup>

**INDIA**  
**37** Registrations

1. This number includes participants from England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

# SPEAKER PERSPECTIVES

"There was this epiphany that if we are to pursue our lofty horizons of self-determination, it needed to be ours by design and execution... and it's within the search for self determination that we can be true partnerships with our communities, our allies and with the government in order to bring some of these aspirational horizons closer to fruition"

**—TE PŪHO KATENE,**  
Executive Director,  
Te Pūtea Whakatupu Trust,  
Aotearoa New Zealand

"Energy is an enabler, it's not a centerpiece. It enables us to do our work in food and agriculture and health care so it's really that co-catalyst without which you can't really get other services going."

**—HUDA JAFFER**  
Director,  
Selco Foundation,  
India

"Social enterprise is no longer an isolated conversation. It's now integrated into the economic and global discussions we're having"

**—MAEVE CURTIN**  
Policy & Research Manager,  
SEWF,  
Scotland

"[External] agencies can try to strengthen what local people are doing rather than trying to bring something from outside which is foreign to these communities [and] which tends to break all the balance within the community. So, I think what the government can do is to identify local people, local resources and see where they can strengthen those local relationships, leverage local resources and maybe help them try to scale up instead of bringing something from outside which does not fit in the context."

**—ISRAR QURESHI,**  
Professor,  
Australian National University,  
Australia



# PARTICIPANTS PERSPECTIVES

"Loved Bridgette Engler's insights! Really enjoyed hearing about first nations perspectives from first nations people."

—ATTENDEE

Australia

"Looking forward to the conference in Brisbane, was a great eye opener and it gave me hope and information to kick off our own social enterprise."

—ATTENDEE

Australia

"Our ancestry run deep, it doesn't begin with our passing away, it never ends, it should be valued and reflected in the way we make policies that affect our working environment."

—ATTENDEE

Cameroon

"The policy forum was informative, educative, and entertaining with new and innovative ideas, and will definitely refer my friends in the social enterprise space to subsequent events by SEWF."

—ATTENDEE

Nigeria

"Being exposed to more of the sector – so much good stuff going on! Provides a sense of hope and optimism that maybe we can create enough shift and momentum to achieve the scale of change needed in the timeframes required to keep our communities livable in the face of rapid change and intense challenges/threats (e.g. climate change)."

—ATTENDEE

Australia



# THANKS!



**Do you have any questions?**

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SEWF22 (28-29 September)!