

# NITRO-Oceania Workshop Series

## Workshop One: 17 June 2020

### ***Communicating in stories – strengthening this core ID/TD skill***

#### Invitation to register

Last month we sent you preliminary information about the workshop series we will be hosting to strengthen and mobilise the capacity and capability of the transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary community in the Oceania region. The interest in this series and the subjects to be explored are motivated by the first NITRO Workshop held in Brisbane in 2019 and a clear call for more support within and beyond the network for ID/TD leaders and practitioners.

The theme for the three workshops is: **Greater impact through inter- and transdisciplinary research and education: building skills, value and the case for this new way of working**

The first workshop scheduled for **Wednesday 17 June 2020** is: *Communicating in stories – strengthening this core ID/TD skill*. Participants will have an opportunity to: unpack the principles and core elements common to all effective impact narratives; to consider the value of impact narratives in underscoring the importance of ID/TD approaches in progressing the UN's sustainability development goals (SDGs); and learn how to support, develop and deliver them through the use of particular tools. The key learning objective is:

*To help participants assess the value of telling ID/TD stories and to introduce them to tools/a set of principles to assist communicating in stories in a compelling way*

The three-hour on-line workshop will be interactive. Participants will:

- hear from inter- and transdisciplinarity practitioners on the value of impact narratives;
- consider the key elements of effective stories, and the design and use of templates to guide their development;
- participate in group exercises to identify and construct good stories, trialling the template approach;
- join in group and plenary discussions sharing insights gained, lessons learned and opportunities for improvement.
- **NB:** Taking advantage of the online medium, the 15-minute keynote address will be sent via link before the workshop so you can watch it at a time that suits you and as often as you need to orient yourself for the workshop discussions.

#### Pre-workshop preparation:

1. Check out the narrative examples on the NITRO-Oceania website (<https://nitro-oceania.net/success-stories/>) and reflect on examples of impact narratives that you are aware of or have experienced - and come to the workshop ready to talk about them.



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2. Watch the keynote presentation (as noted above). The presentation will take 15 mins and will set the scene, provide key learnings and be the basis for the opening workshop discussion. It will cover:
  - *Why ID/TD is important - the new value it offers and in what contexts and for what issues it is most effective eg progressing the SDGs;*
  - *Why storytelling is important for ID/TD, including highlighting core impact narrative principles.*
3. And finally join in a quick introductory session with the Facilitator, one of the Workshop Convenors and 3-4 fellow participants in order to:
  - *Meet one of the Convenors and some of the other participants in a smaller setting – to facilitate connections across the group;*
  - *Check in on any areas of particular interest/need - to help refine the workshop approach;*
  - *Seek volunteers for a Panel Response session in the workshop; and*
  - *Establish the IT video and audio links and iron out any technical issues.*
  - *NB: A number of sessions will be held to accommodate different time zones/commitments*

### Timing:

We expect the three-hour workshop on 17 June to span up to four time zones. To accommodate these the workshop will be held at the following times:

Zone	Meeting time
Australian Western Standard Time	8:00-11:00 am
Australian Eastern Standard Time	10:00-1:00 pm
Papua-New Guinea Time	
Solomon Islands Time	11:00- 2:00 pm
Fiji Standard Time	12:00 – 3:00 pm
New Zealand Standard Time	

### Registration:

The first 25 participants to register will gain a place in the 17 June workshop and we will then be in touch about the specific platform we will be using, and the introduction session times.

Please register your interest in participating, **before Monday 25 May** by using this link:

<https://aas.eventsair.com/nitro-oceania-building-impact-narratives-workshop/registration>

We look forward to meeting with you through the introductory sessions and then again on 17 June.

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