

National Compact



Australian Government



part of the social inclusion agenda

Partnerships and collaboration



- Responses to social exclusion requires partnership between governments, Third Sector, business sector, communities and individuals
- National Compact - platform for joint efforts to progress social inclusion



Progress



- Consultation on the Compact was conducted in two phases.
- The first phase, conducted in 2008, confirmed widespread support across the Sector for the Compact.
- The second phase, from May to October last year, focused on Sector and Government input to the content of the Compact.
- Overall there was strong support for the Compact to be a high level, aspirational, principles-based document supported by measurable, focused action plans.



Taking the Compact Forward



The eight priority action areas

1. Document and promote the value and contribution of the Sector;
2. Protect the Sector's right to advocacy irrespective of any funding relationship that might exist;
3. Recognise Sector diversity in consultation processes and sector development initiatives;
4. Improve information sharing including greater access to publically funded research and data;
5. Reduce red tape and streamline reporting;
6. Simplify and improve consistency of financial arrangements including across state and federal jurisdictions;
7. Act to improve paid and unpaid workforce issues; and
8. Improve funding and procurement processes.



Next Steps



- National Compact has been finalised, and a launch is expected in the coming weeks
- The Prime Minister will sign the Compact on behalf of the Commonwealth
- Sector organisations will be able to 'opt-in' and sign up to the Compact voluntarily Priority Areas form basis of Commonwealth Action Plan
- The National Compact Across Government Working Group and Sector Advisory Group will work together with the Sector to develop joint action plan over the next 12 months



Thank you and close

- A National Compact website (www.nationalcompact.gov.au) is currently being developed and will be the central point for all updates and information on the Compact.

