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# The future of humanitarian action

Challenging Humanitarian norms



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Traditional ways of doing relief and development are being challenged by the complexities and partnerships required. This can be observed in many countries where humanitarian action is occurring today; East Timor, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Burundi, Somalia and Sudan. There is growing appreciation of humanitarian action and the need for innovative research on the effectiveness of humanitarian action and consideration of new models of working.

Is the humanitarian process inescapably 'western' and 'northern'?

What can be done to enhance the universality of the humanitarian enterprise?

Is the humanitarian enterprise being drawn into wider security agendas?

Is the security environment more volatile worldwide, or only in specific contexts?



**Dr Walker** was instrumental in the development of the Sphere project, founder of the World Disasters Report and is a leader in the fields of humanitarian action, human security and human rights.

## **Morning Session - Global trends and future challenges to humanitarian action.**

Update on the latest research on humanitarian activities and the challenges apparent, from a global snap-shot survey in early 2006 across the world's crisis response regions.

## **Afternoon Session - Exploring Livelihoods and Security.**

Presentations on emerging project strategies and opportunity to participate in the research process.

**Wednesday 27 September 2006, 9am – 5pm**

Hotel Y, 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne

**\$50 incl. lunch**

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