

partnerships in PRACTICE

Creating partnerships that work for all

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South African development practice comes to Central Australia! This is a unique chance to participate in one of CDRA's renowned programs as part of a one-off visit to Australia that includes only Melbourne and the Alice.

Partnerships are now common across government, community and business organisations. They feature in services, projects and programs that affect us all.

But partnerships can disappoint, failing to live up to initial hopes and expectations. Partnerships may be easy to talk about but they are much harder to achieve. For that reason, organisations need to become more skilled and confident both in developing partnerships and in achieving the outcomes they promise.

This workshop will explore the enablers and obstacles for effective partnering. It will provide participants with strategies for creating partnerships that work.

Participants will consider a range of partnership issues including:

Who We Are: Understanding both own organisations and those we work with by drawing on concepts and frameworks of organisational development

Why Partner: Assessing the potential value gained by joint efforts and how to maximise value from collaboration without diminishing individual value of each partner

Ways Of Partnering: Options and strategies for creating innovative and positive partnerships that fit the purpose required

Getting Results: Challenging our thinking on partnerships, who benefits and what gets in the way of success

During the workshop participants will explore and reflect on their own experiences of success and challenges of working in partnerships. Innovative and good practice in partnerships for development from South African and international experience will also be shared.

The program will be facilitated by The Canopy Project (www.communityworks.com.au/canopy.html), a new Australian initiative that promotes learning and exchange in social development, working with the South African NGO CDRA (www.cdra.org.za), a lead training organisation that specialises in innovation and organisational development for social change.

The workshop will draw on material from the 'Barefoot Guide to Working with Organisations and Social Change' www.barefootguide.org.

Participants from government, NGOs, service providers, community organisations and the private sector are invited, in particular those who have responsibility for seeking and setting up partnerships for service delivery and development.



Nomvula Dlamini, Facilitator from CDRA.

VENUE: Desert Knowledge Precinct, Alice Springs

FEES: \$285 - Covers lunch, tea and coffee

APPLICATIONS: Please complete application form
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