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*What links us as FORUM members is a belief in what can be achieved by bringing together development partners and international volunteers to tackle development challenges. I believe what makes FORUM effective is our commitment to **share, learn and collaborate.***

Ms Deborah Snelson, CEO, Volunteer Service Abroad and former Chair, FORUM

The International Forum on Development Service (known as FORUM) is a network of agencies engaged in international volunteering.

FORUM's annual IVCO conference brings together the leaders of international volunteering agencies from across the globe, along with those of their collaborators, in a unique dialogue around the myriad challenges of international development volunteering - as they exist and persist, and newly emerge.

The conference is the largest global gathering of leading thinkers and practitioners in this field. It examines volunteer-driven development in its contemporary context, exploring what works, what doesn't; the vital role of cultural and gender considerations in intelligent program design; the implications of climate change for volunteer programs; and the rise of youth volunteering, in all its guises.

Last year FORUM's IVCO conference took place in Singapore and was co-hosted by the Singapore International Foundation. The theme was *Innovations and Challenges in International Volunteerism and Development - An Asian Perspective*. Detail on this illuminating dialogue can be found at www.forum-ids.org/conferences/ivco/2010-ivco

This year's IVCO conference is of special significance as we celebrate *International Year of the Volunteer +10*, an important landmark for all volunteer agencies, not least of which is VSO Jitolee, this year celebrating just over a decade of existence.

IVCO 2011 is being held in partnership with VSO Jitolee and will take place in **Nairobi, Kenya, 9th to 12th October, 2011**. For details, visit www.forum-ids.org



Australian Volunteer and colleague. Photo: Anthony Plummer/AVI



Delegates at IVCO 2010

About Us

FORUM exists to share information, develop good practice and enhance co-operation across the international volunteering and development sectors. Founded in 1964 in Strasbourg, FORUM was originally a peak body for European agencies. Today, however, we're a worldwide network. Through our members we represent some 12,000 volunteers working across more than 100 countries.

To find out more visit us online at www.forum-ids.org

Information Sharing

FORUM's website is a great source of information about international volunteering and development service. Members share research, trends, experience and good practice in a dynamic online environment.

FORUM also commissions research on key issues relating to international volunteering, presenting findings at the annual conference. Past papers can be found at <http://forum-ids.org/research/forum-papers>

The FORUM Charter

The FORUM Charter outlines the values and principles that FORUM asks member organisations to sign up to when they join FORUM. Based on in-principle agreements by the members present at the 2009 AGM in Budapest, this document aims to be timeless.

"International volunteering, when based on human to human relationships and mutual exchange (the sharing of oneself, reciprocal learning, an exchange of skills, ideas and the ability to be humble) can be a catalyst for practical achievement in tackling shared development challenges. Thus, contributing in practical ways to the creation of a fairer, more caring and socially just world".

extract from the FORUM Charter

The full FORUM Charter can be found at <http://forum-ids.org/about/forum-charter>



volunteering. engaging. uniting.

Become a member

Membership of FORUM is open to non-profit organisations including NGOs and state bodies actively engaged in international volunteering, whether as volunteer sending agencies or co-ordinating bodies working on behalf of others.

For more information about FORUM membership, please contact Ms Christina Jenkins, FORUM Co-ordinator at info@forum-ids.org

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