

Draft program – Conference on Dutch Diaspora in Australia and New Zealand on 15 November 2013

Session 1 Introduction and Setting the Diaspora context

9.45-10.00 Welcome by ambassadors

10.00-10.30 Baldassar Introductory lecture on comparative Diaspora research

[20 minutes talk and 10 minutes discussion]

10.30-11.00 morning tea

Session 2 History and Contemporary issues [Chair Baldassar]

[20 minutes talk and 10 minutes discussion for each speaker]

11.00-11.30 Prof. Jacques Poot (Waikato University NZ)

11.30-12.00 Prof Leo van Wissen (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI))

12.00-12.30 *Academic speaker on Australia [I recommend Nonja Peters as the most important academic in this field]*

12.30-1.00 Tanja Schubert-McArthur (Victoria University Wellington NZ)

1.00-2.00 lunch

*Session 4 Round Tables: Policy and Services for the future of the Dutch Diaspora

2.00-2.45 *[I recently attended a similar event hosted by the Italian Ambassador in which this format was used very successfully. It was also employed at the recent Asylum Summit. It gives people a chance to talk in smaller groups and come up with recommendations. Participants should be allocated to a group before the day; each group should have a chair]*

The aim is to find out how Dutch migrants can be engaged in strengthening the bilateral relations.

Group A. private and professional /business ties with the homeland [chaired by NCCA/Dutch chamber of commerce in Australia rep?]

Group B. Citizenship, culture, media, language and identity [Chaired by someone on Nonja's list]

Group C. Exchange of knowledge through relocation/study exchanges/working holidays. [chaired by Dutch migrant association in Victoria rep?]

2.45-3.00 Report back from Chairs of Groups A, B and C (5 minutes each)

3.00-3.30 Discussion

3.30-4.00 Summing up [you could allocate two speakers here plus Baldassar to offer their overview of the whole day.

dinner

interactive theatre and Reception

This format offers many people with an opportunity to speak or chair and so allows many people to feel they have been involved.