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NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT: TOWNSVILLE 26th - 28th JUNE 2014

A National Summit to consider development of Australia's vast northern regions will be convened in Townsville from the 26th to the 28th of June this year, ADC Forum has confirmed today.

Together with major partners: the Queensland Government, City of Townsville, James Cook University and with the support of Townsville Enterprise, the most significant group to date of Australian and International speakers will gather in Townsville to develop a shared vision for Australia's North.

Major speakers include Minister for Trade and Investment the Hon Andrew Robb, Chairman of AACo and Nufarm Ltd Donald McGauchie AO, Vice Chancellor of James Cook University Professor Sandra Harding, Chairman of NAILSMA and Partner at Stellar Corporate Solutions Peter Yu, Chairman of Desert Knowledge The Hon Fred Chaney AO, former ambassador to China Geoff Raby, former Governor General and Chairman of Future Direction International Maj Gen Michael Jeffrey and Senior World Bank Economist Douglas Zhihua Zeng.

These major national and international figures will come together with Australia's leading thinkers, business people and decision-makers in Townsville to discuss the future of Australia's North.

Spanning all regions north of the Tropic of Capricorn, this wide ranging discussion will directly impact the Commonwealth Government Northern Development White Paper.

At focus in the Summit will be key issues including Australia and the Region, the Future Economy of the North, Infrastructure and the Population Base, Policy and Governance as well as the Natural Resource Capability of the Region.

Over the Summit major keynote speakers and panels will engage with Summit delegates to develop a shared vision for development across all sectors and areas of the north, producing a Summit report for submission to the Commonwealth.

"I believe the Summit will be of significant interest to key investors around the region. I look forward to the opportunity to participate and speak at this important Summit," Minister for Trade and Investment The Hon Andrew Robb said.

In addition a delegation of international investors will be brought to the Summit to explore investment opportunities into the future.

The Summit will be an opportunity for small and large business leaders, community representatives and other interested individuals to participate in an event which will influence the future development of the Nation.

Information will be distributed to organisations and businesses across the country.

For more information please visit www.adcforum.org or contact ADC Forum on +61 3 8689 2300

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