

Young Professionals – 'Life as a Diplomat' with Estelle Parker, co-CEO at RIAA and former Senior Career Diplomat at DFAT

Thursday 29 August 2024: 5:30pm for 6 – 7pm AEST at Level 13, 356 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Building on the success of our inaugural 'Life of a Diplomat' event back in May, we are excited to announce the second installment in this compelling series. Our distinguished guest speaker is Estelle Parker, co-CEO at Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA), and former senior career diplomat with a 20-year career at DFAT. We welcome all students and young professionals considering a career in diplomacy.



Explore a career diplomat's first-hand experiences working in Australia and overseas, learn about

essential diplomatic skills, and discover various career pathways and opportunities in diplomacy.

What are the experiences and insights of an experienced diplomat? What challenges may they face? How can young professionals kick-start their careers in diplomacy?

Join AIIA Victoria for an informational session under **Chatham House Rule** with an experienced diplomat, where you will gain a deeper understanding of what a career in this field entails and network with like-minded students and young professionals.



Estelle Parker is co-CEO at Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA) and a former senior diplomat with a distinguished 20-year career at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Estelle served, inter alia, as Acting Ambassador and Deputy Ambassador to Mexico, Central America and Cuba; Deputy State Director (Victoria); Policy Adviser to the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands; and as Director overseeing the development and management of bilateral relationships. Since 2023, Estelle specialises in government relations and policy-making at RIAA. Estelle holds a Master of Public Policy and Management (First Class Honours), Master of Communications (With Distinction), Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) and Certificate in Business Sustainability Strategy.

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