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SEGRA calls for speakers

Australia's premier national conference on sustainable regional growth is calling for speakers for its upcoming Albany and Great Southern conference.

Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) will hold its 20th annual conference in the region from 26 to 28 October 2016.

SEGRA selected Albany and the Great Southern as the conference location following a bid coordinated by the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) in a 17-strong partnership that included local governments, educational institutions and regional agencies.

GSDC Chairman Peter Rundle said he anticipated a strong program at the conference.

"The conference theme is 'Naturally Stronger Regions – Realising the Potential' and the Great Southern is a wonderfully suitable setting in which to explore these ideas," Mr Rundle said.

"As a national conference, SEGRA will provide Great Southern people with an opportunity to place our regional economic growth issues into a wider perspective.

"Our region has many advantages, and some challenges as well, and we look forward to the information and views that will be presented through the SEGRA program," Mr Rundle said.

SEGRA's call for speakers, at www.segra.com.au, says that preference will be given to contributions about applied regional economic development, drawing out key considerations for applications in multiple regions.

Possible subject areas include: regional policy; diversity, specialisation and creativity; sustainability of land, water and community; and regional hubs and nodes.

Speakers may also address topics such as aviation, free trade agreements, or innovation, technology and entrepreneurship in the regions.



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Potential contributors must submit abstracts by Friday 27 May.

Details of the conference program will be published after speaker selections take place in June.

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