

Guests and Speakers



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ARC ITTC NØBEL OFFICIAL LAUNCH

Industrial Transformation Training Centre in
digital platforms for
Net-Zero Building Ecosystem Lifecycle

15 July 2026

Western Sydney University Kingswood
Campus, Building O, Level 1,
Room O.1.20
(Opening Ceremony)



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Agenda

14:00 – 14:30	Registration and Networking Western Sydney University, Kingswood Campus. Room: KW.O.1.20
14:30 – 14:35	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Professor Deborah Sweeney, Provost, Western Sydney University</i> <i>Master of Ceremonies, ITTC NØBEL Launch</i>
14:35 – 14:40	Acknowledgement of Country <i>Aunty Jean, Elder in Residence (WSU)</i>
14:40 – 14:45	Speech by WSU Provost <i>Professor Deborah Sweeney, Provost (WSU)</i>
14:45 – 14:55	Speech by ARC Deputy CEO <i>Mr Anthony Murfett, Deputy CEO, Australian Research Council</i>
14:55 – 15:00	Speech by Net Zero Commission <i>Mr Nicholas Rowley, Chair, NSW Net Zero Commission</i>
15:00 – 15:10	Unveil the Plaque + Photos
15:10 – 15:15	Director's Remarks <i>Dist. Professor Vivian WY Tam, Director, ITTC NØBEL (WSU)</i>
15:15 – 15:25	NØBEL Centre Show and Tell: <i>Mr Frank Forouzandeh, Executive Director, Modern X Australia Pty Ltd</i> <i>Professor Pejman Sharafi, Deputy Director, ITTC NØBEL (WSU)</i>
15:25 – 16:00	Academic & Industry Panel Discussion <i>Professor Deborah Sweeney, Vice-Chancellor and President (WSU) (Chair)</i> <i>Dist. Professor Vivian Tam, Director of ITTC NØBEL (WSU)</i> <i>Professor Pejman Sharafi, Deputy Director of ITTC NØBEL (WSU)</i> <i>Professor Priyan Mendis, Deputy Director of ITTC NØBEL (University of Melbourne)</i> <i>Dr Zane Yang, Director, Harbix Pty Ltd, and Industry Partner of the ITTC NØBEL</i> <i>Professor Mike Kagioglou, Deputy VC Planning, Research & Innovation (DMU)</i>
16:00 – 16:05	HDR Student, NØBEL <i>Mr Freddie More Franco Pablo (WSU)</i>
16:05 – 16:10	Closing Remarks <i>Professor Pejman Sharafi (WSU)</i>
16:10 – 16:30	Afternoon Tea
16:30 – 17:00	NØBEL Centre & Laboratory Tour <i>Dr Md Jaynul Abden, Postdoctoral Research Fellow (WSU)</i>
17:00	Event Close

NØBEL is a national collaborative research centre dedicated to advancing digital platforms and innovative solutions for a

Net-Zero Building Ecosystem.

By connecting
Academia, Industry and Government,

The Centre develops:

**Transformative technologies,
Supports future workforce training,
and Drives Sustainable Outcomes
across the entire building lifecycle**

from

**planning and design to
construction,
operation and
renewal.**

