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Sydney to host international contemporary art conference

The Morrison Government will contribute \$25,000 to showcase Australia's world-class artists, art practices and cultural venues to a delegation of international cultural leaders in November this year. This is in addition to a \$25,000 contribution from the Australia Council for the Arts.

Directors and curators from around the world will meet in Sydney from 15 to 17 November for the Annual Conference of the International Committee for Museums and Collections of Modern Art (CiMAM), hosted by the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia. The Museum's Director, Elizabeth Ann Macgregor OBE, is the current President of the Board of the international committee.

Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP said the conference will enhance international cultural exchange through a carefully designed program that connects contemporary Australian art with the world.

"Creative and cultural activity contributes around \$112 billion to Australia's economy each year and our art museum sector is world class," Minister Fletcher said.

"Earlier this year the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia was recognised as the most visited contemporary art museum in the world, attracting more than one million visitors annually, so it is fitting they will host this important forum.

"Conference delegates will have the chance to extend their experience of Australia with a post-conference tour to cultural venues in Brisbane and Stradbroke Island, concluding with guided tours of Country by Aboriginal custodians."

First held in 1962, the CiMAM Annual Conference is the leading forum for modern and contemporary art directors and curators to build networks and discuss industry practices, and has been held in over 30 cities worldwide. The 2019 theme is *'The 21st Century Art Museum: Is Context Everything?'*

For more information visit: cimam.org/cimam-annual-conference/annual-conference-2019-sydney/

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