Partnering Authentically: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

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World Vision and Ngunga Women’s Group Aboriginal Corporation have been building a strong partnership with a focus on a regional strategy for the Early Years in the West Kimberley. In this session, they will present an honest discussion around this process, some of the real struggles associated with authentic and long term partnering, where power is made transparent and parties are accountable to each other.

It will be a 'warts and all' exploration of the relational nature of joining, focused on long term development outcomes for First Nations communities, where they take control and drive their own development. The additional challenges posed by the pandemic will be integral to this presentation. The role of government will also be explored through the lens of sustained investment into remote communities.

The conference themes of trust and a commitment to invest in new (and sometimes uncomfortable) ways of working together are central to this important work. Whilst we talk about co-production, co-design and collaboration easily, the reality of engaging in these processes authentically is a real and long term journey. These principles will be critically examined throughout the whole presentation.