

Michael Hutak

Michael Hutak is a communications specialist and policy advisor who works with intergovernmental and humanitarian organisations to deliver sustainable human development outcomes.

After a prominent career in journalism in Australia, Michael established Hutak.com in 2003 to provide communications and public affairs services to the international development sector. The same year he moved to Rome, Italy, to begin consulting to the United Nations World Food Programme, working in partnership development, emergency preparedness and response, (including the Iraq programme in 2003-04 and the 2005 Indian Ocean Tsunami), and then as communications advisor to the director of policy and programme strategy.

In 2006, Michael was appointed Communications Specialist to the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative, a global partnership led by WFP and UNICEF along with peak private sector, civil society and intergovernmental organisations such as UNHCR, UNDP, the Gates Foundation, World Vision International, Save the Children, the World Bank, and the World Economic Forum.

Michael first worked for the ground-breaking ICT for development initiative, One Laptop per Child, in 2007 when he presented the innovative XO laptop at the UNESCO General Conference in Paris. In 2008 he was appointed Regional Director for Oceania by OLPC Chairman and MIT visionary, Prof. Nicholas Negroponte.

He lives in Sydney with his wife Jodi and their three children.
