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WELCOME FROM THE CONVENORS

Welcome to the 2017 Australasian Aid Conference!

Now in its fourth year, the Australasian Aid Conference will once again bring together researchers and development practitioners from across Australia, the Pacific, Asia and beyond who are working on aid and international development policy issues to share insights, promote collaboration and help to develop the research community.

In many ways this year’s conference offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how far the conference has come since its first incarnation as the Australasian Aid and International Development Policy Workshop in 2014. The conference has grown by leaps and bounds, and this year is no exception – we’ve added a sixth panel to each of our parallel sessions to respond to the growth in the response to the call for papers, and are hosting several side events around the conference. The enthusiasm with which this conference continues to be received gives us great hope for the future of the sector.

We have a strong line-up of eminent invited speakers, with stimulating plenaries on governance, the humanitarian sector in crisis, and the role of the private sector in Asian development cooperation.

In addition, we’re pleased to welcome back the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, to deliver the opening address. Minister Bishop also spoke at that very first aid conference, which took place during a period of great change for Australia’s aid program. We look forward to hearing more from her about the government’s second-term agenda for aid and international development, particularly in light of the Foreign Policy White Paper currently under development.

We’ve also sought to introduce some innovations to this year’s conference. Chief among them is a plenary session entitled 3MAP: the Three-Minute Aid Pitch, where participants will present new ideas for improving Australia’s development impact. A number of panels across the parallel sessions will also offer new formats and opportunities for debate and discussion.

We hope you enjoy the conference and look forward to seeing you over the next two days.

Camilla Burkot
Research Officer, Development Policy Centre

Stephen Howes
Director, Development Policy Centre

Anthea Mulakala
Director, International Development Cooperation, The Asia Foundation

Joel Negin
Head of School, School of Public Health, University of Sydney

In addition to the support provided by our conference co-hosts The Asia Foundation, the Development Policy Centre would like to acknowledge generous funding from the Harold Mitchell Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and The Australian National University.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference venue

The conference will be held at Crawford School of Public Policy, Lennox Crossing, Acton, ACT, on the southern end of the Australian National University campus. The conference dinner (by registration) will be held at University House. An ANU campus map can be found at anu.edu.au/maps.

Getting to the conference venue

By taxi

Contact one of the following cab services to book a taxi:

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As a general guide, a taxi from Canberra Airport to ANU take around 20 minutes and will cost approximately $40-50, depending on traffic conditions.

By bus

Canberra’s public bus service, ACTION Buses, covers Canberra’s major tourist sites and the suburbs. The number 7/7A bus stops directly in front of the Crawford School. More information can be found at transport.act.gov.au or contact ACTION on 02 6207 7611.

On foot

Allow around 30 minutes to walk from the Canberra city centre, or 15 minutes from New Acton, to Crawford School of Public Policy.

Parking

Limited paid visitor parking is available on Lennox Crossing across from the Crawford School, on Liversidge Street, and in the University House car park. Please note that visitors may park in ‘staff/permit only’ zones after 5pm. Before 5pm, parking fees apply. Please refer to carpark signage for guidance.

Conference website

More information, including the abstract book and copies of conference presentations and papers, will be made available on the AAC website: http://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australian-aid-conference/2017

Wifi

Free wifi internet access is available for conference attendees. The login details are posted around the conference venue.

Speaker preparation room

The Lennox Room has been set aside as a quiet space for speakers to prepare ahead of their presentations. It will be open throughout the conference.

Dietary requirements

If you have advised us of any special dietary requirements, this information has been passed to our caterers. Please make yourself known to the catering staff during lunch and tea breaks and the conference dinner.

Luggage storage

If you have luggage that you’d like to set aside during the day, please speak with the registration desk. Please be advised that luggage will not be locked away and conference organisers do not take any responsibility for lost or stolen items.

Lost property

Lost property can be handed in to the conference registration desk.

Connect with us

To stay up to date with the conference and other research and events hosted by the Development Policy Centre, join our mailing list here: devpolicy.org/join-us/

On Twitter, we’re @devpolicy and @Asia_Foundation. Use #AAC2017 to join the conversation online.

We’d also love it if you liked our Facebook pages: facebook.com/devpolicy and facebook.com/AsiaFoundation
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Chair: Saku Akmeemana, DFAT  
James Brumby, World Bank  
Luís-Felipe López-Calva, World Bank  
Discussants:  
Helen Szoke, Oxfam Australia  
Veronica Taylor, ANU  
Natasha Smith, DFAT

6.30pm  **Cocktail reception**  
**Launch of India’s Approach to Development Cooperation**  
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9.00am Welcome
Molonglo Theatre

Margaret Harding, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), ANU
David Arnold, President, The Asia Foundation

9.15am Opening address
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Chair: Michael Wesley, Professor of International Affairs and Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU

The Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs

10.05am Keynote address
Molonglo Theatre
Chair: Helen Sullivan, Professor and Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Michael Woolcock, Lead Social Development Specialist, World Bank and Lecturer in Public Policy, Harvard University

Now for the hard part: strategies for enhancing state capability for implementation

Despite what today’s headlines might convey, life for most people in most developing countries has never been better. This should be rightly celebrated, but improving basic levels of human welfare from a low base was the relatively ‘easy’ part. To consolidate and expand these achievements, the key development challenge remains building the state’s capability to implement incrementally more complex and contentious tasks, at scale (e.g., justice, regulation, taxation, land administration) and those tasks inherently requiring extended forms of human interaction (classroom teaching, curative care). These are fundamentally different types of challenges, however, ones for which our prevailing aid architecture was not designed and on which achievements to date are mostly flat or declining: if current trends continue, only about 10% of those living in developing countries today will have descendants who reside in a ‘high capability’ country by the end of this century. Different types of problems require different kinds of solutions, elements of which will be outlined.

11.00am Morning tea
11.20am **Panel 1a – The role and relevance of the Asian Development Bank in the 21st century**
Melonglo Theatre
Chair: Annmeree O’Keeffe, Lowy Institute for International Policy

The Lowy Institute Asian Development Bank (ADB) report addresses the questions of how the ADB will navigate the geopolitical dynamics of a region squeezed between a cautious United States and a rising China; how it will fulfil its mandate for economic development and poverty reduction while responding to Asia’s changing economic geography; and how it will harness alternative methods of development finance and adapt to remain the lender of choice in the region. The report is based on extensive stakeholder engagement involving more than 60 interviews across the globe, combined with desk-based qualitative and quantitative analysis.

*In this panel, the report’s authors Annmeree O’Keeffe, Jonathan Pryke and Hannah Wurf of the Lowy Institute will outline the key challenges and recommendations that they have identified. This will be followed by a discussion and unpacking of the results from ADB stakeholders:*

- Emma Xiaoqin Fan, ADB Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office
- Mike Callaghan AM, Lowy Institute for International Policy
- Peter McCawley, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

**Panel 1b – Language matters in aid effectiveness**
Acton Theatre
Chair: Hilary Smith, ANU and ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language

The importance of language is so fundamental that it is often unproblematised and overlooked in the design of aid projects. Without consideration of the multifaceted ways in which language and literacy function in different communities, especially those with high levels of autochthonous multilingualism, the effectiveness of project outcomes may be affected.

In this panel we show that while language per se may not have been identified as a focus of project design, addressing language issues was critical for the successful outcome of programmes in the diverse fields of poverty analysis and food security, women’s farming, women’s leadership, and quality education. We argue that the importance of language issues means that they should be explicitly considered in the design of all development aid projects.

Language matters in accurate measurement of the Sustainable Development Goals
Stephen Haslett, ANU
Building gender equity through linguistically and culturally relevant capacity building programmes
Jo Caffery, University of Canberra

Bilingual language resources to increase agricultural learning in Papua New Guinea
Kym Simoncini, University of Canberra

Language as a children’s right in quality education: evidence from Vanuatu, Kiribati and Solomon Islands
Hilary Smith, ANU and ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language

Panel 1c – Engaging and empowering women
Weston Theatre
Chair: Sally Moyle, CARE Australia

How do positive changes in gender relations happen?
Juliet Hunt, Independent Consultant on Gender and Development, Project Design, Monitoring and Evaluation, Research and Gender Training

Does gender sensitive-Disaster Risk Reduction make a difference when a Category 5 cyclone hits? A comparative impact study in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu
Julie Webb, Independent Consultant; Charlie Damon and Megan Chisholm, CARE International in Vanuatu

Where are the women leaders? Identifying and combatting barriers to women’s humanitarian leadership
Kate Sutton and Ayla Black, Humanitarian Advisory Group

The political economy and politics of aid: gender equality in the Pacific
Tracey Newbury, DFAT

Panel 1d – Negotiating statebuilding
Barton Theatre
Chair: Michael Wilson, DFAT

Statebuilding in fragile and conflict-affected states: supporting inclusive political settlements
Sue Ingram, ANU

"The hand that gave us flour now gives us bombs": the limited effectiveness of U.S. aid in Israel-Palestine's "new legal space"
Hannah Early, Westmont College
Rule of law assistance and its interfaces in Myanmar: actors, trends and technologies
Kristina Simion, ANU

Panel 1e – Aid’s changing landscape
Brindabella Theatre
Chair: Cate Rogers, DFAT

The rise of the south and the transformation of development cooperation in the 21st century

Nurturing the neighbour: Indonesian ‘development’ cooperation to Myanmar
Miranda Tahalele, ANU

Development and aid effectiveness, human rights and gender equality in the context of MDGs and SDGs in Viet Nam involving Australia as a traditional donor and partner
Vu Ngoc Binh, Institute for Population, Family and Children Studies (IPFCS)

Panel 1f – Looking north: Australia and its neighbours
Seminar Room 7
Chair: Elizabeth Morgan, Morgan Disney & Associates

Aid, maritime boundary, and Timor-Leste–Australia relations
Guteriano Neves, ANU

Non-citizen advisers in Papua New Guinea
Carmen Voigt-Graf, ANU

Anatomy of a curriculum review project that never got started
Michele Rumsey, Lin Lock, Di Brown, Amanda Neill, and Jodi Thiessen, WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Development, University of Technology Sydney

Understanding borderlanders: complexity of government service delivery in the PNG-Australia border region
Mark Moran, Nathalie Gentle, Laura Simpson Reeves, Kevin Murphy, and Geoff Miller, University of Queensland

12.50pm   Lunch
1.50pm  **Plenary session:**  
**Asian approaches to engaging the private sector in development cooperation**  
Molonglo Theatre  
Chair: Anthea Mulakala, The Asia Foundation

Involving the private sector in development cooperation is a priority today not only for many Western countries, but also for many Asian ones. Several Asian providers of development cooperation have vibrant private sectors who are expanding their sphere of influence and practice into development cooperation. Asian companies are often the implementers of infrastructure projects, whether through lines of credit or tied aid. At the other end of the spectrum many Asian multinationals are involved in corporate social responsibility and shared value initiatives in the region. This panel will explore how collaborative approaches with private sector in development are evolving in the Asian context and where further opportunities exist.

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3.20pm  **Afternoon tea**

3.40pm  **Panel 2a – Country ownership and transitions**  
Molonglo Theatre  
Chair: Emma Xiaoqin Fan, ADB

The aid policy network in Pakistan: an actor-network analysis  
Faheem J. Khan, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

Foreign aid and middle income trap: lessons from South Korea and Japan as former aid recipients  
Dennis Trinidad, De La Salle University

Country ownership matters... for countries! Understanding policymaking on “country ownership” of aid and development in the Pacific  
**Suzanne O’Neill**, ANU
Panel 2b – Translating international development and indigenous affairs
Acton Theatre
Chair: Mark Moran, University of Queensland

International development theory and practice is increasingly being adapted to Indigenous contexts within Australia, largely as a means to counter a dominant service delivery and welfare paradigm. This panel will explore this trend, and what a developmental approach looks like in Indigenous communities. How do Indigenous contexts in high-income countries like Australia differ from those found in low- and middle-income countries overseas? Do they more acutely experience a gap in worldview and living conditions, a political contest with a more dominant or colonising other, and delivery problems and administrative burden arising from a multiple programs? What lessons can be gleaned from the translation of development theories, frameworks and tools to Indigenous contexts? What factors take prominence? And what could Australian aid agencies draw from Australia's experience of Indigenous affairs in their work in Indigenous contexts in low- and middle-income countries?

Michael Woolcock, World Bank and Harvard University
Geoff Richardson, Department of Prime Minster and Cabinet (Indigenous Affairs)
Grant Paulson, World Vision Australia
Annie Kennedy, Tjuwanpa Outstation Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation

Panel 2c – Bringing ‘thinking and working politically’ and gender together I
Weston Theatre
Chair: Sarah Goulding, DFAT

It is increasingly recognised that tackling inequalities is a critically important part of reducing poverty and increasing prosperity and that this requires a recognition of the political and social processes by which this might be done (World Bank, 2016). Addressing gender inequality is clearly a central element of this agenda. Historically gender equality movements in many countries have contributed to real reform including for example in relation to violence against women (Htun and Weldon, 2012), female genital mutilation (Crismann et al, 2016) and, of course, women’s right to vote (Ramirez, 1997). However a recent survey of political economy analysis tools and reports concluded that gender has often been systematically overlooked in these studies (Browne 2014). It has therefore been suggested that an understanding of how gender analysis and political economy approaches can be better integrated will not only contribute to gender equality outcomes, but to improving inclusive development more...
broadly. This includes how a focus on gender can also incorporate broader diversity concerns including sexual rights.

Two panels, based in most part on research conducted by the Developmental Leadership Program, and the Pacific Leadership Program, with the support of the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development program, explore this broad theme. This first panel will focus more on primary research undertaken on the topic, the second (Panel 3c) will explore the relationship between research and practice where researchers and practitioners will together draw out some of the successes, challenges and lessons learnt, as well as reflect upon what this might mean for others.

Power, politics and coalitions in the Pacific: lessons from collective action on gender and power
Tait Brimacombe and Chris Roche, La Trobe University

Thinking and working politically in the global garment industry
Alice Evans, University of Cambridge

Politics, gender and social media in Fiji
Romitesh Kant, University of the South Pacific

Panel 2d – Philanthropy and NGOs
Barton Theatre
Chair: Marc Purcell, ACFID

International philanthropy’s contribution to the SDGs
Rod Reeve, Ninti One Limited and the Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation

Aid online: an analysis of how Australian aid NGOs use the internet
Sachini Muller and Terence Wood, ANU

Philanthropy as a development actor: influence and implications
Jeremy Stringer, DFAT

Panel 2e – Making migration work for development
Brindabella Theatre
Chair: James Raymer, ANU

What can migration indices tell us about migration and development in Australia?
Henry Sherrell, ANU

Safe migration: an emerging development modality?
Sverre Molland, ANU
Korea’s Employment Permit System and its impact: a case study of Nepali migrant workers
Eun Mie Lim, Ewha Womans University

**Panel 2f – Aid effectiveness: measurement and management**
Seminar Room 7
Chair: Matthew Dornan, ANU

Transparency in development cooperation: much done, much left to do
Rupert Simons, Publish What You Fund

Partnering agreements: effective relationship management as risk management in complex international partnerships
Nicola Nixon, DFAT, and Julie Mundy, Effective Collective

What are we measuring when we talk about aid effectiveness? A new typology of aid
Jo Hall, ANU

Aid Effectiveness Confessions – what’s wrong with aid performance management systems and a way forward
Neal Forster, Office of Development Effectiveness, DFAT

5.10pm Close

6.30pm **Conference dinner**
Great Hall, University House

Presentation of the 2017 Mitchell Humanitarian Award
Thursday 16 February 2016

7.30am  Registration and arrival tea and coffee

8.00am  **Panel 3a – Private sector innovation**  
Molonglo Theatre  
Chair: Lisa Rauter, DFAT

Aid effectiveness and the private sector: innovative initiatives for Asia-Pacific’s entrepreneurial development  
Rukmani Gounder, Massey University

Innovative malaria projects through public private partnerships in Papua New Guinea Islands Region  
Ross Hutton and Paul Zborowski, Shared Sky Pty Ltd, on New Ireland Provincial Malaria Alliance with Ray Hughes-Odgers, Director, SSPL

Private sector roles in service delivery: the complex political economy of local government roles in market facilitation and regulation  
Juliet Willetts, University of Technology Sydney

Hela Provincial Health Authority: a public private partnership model  
Stephanie Copus-Campbell, Oil Search Foundation

**Panel 3b – Strengthening health systems**  
Acton Theatre  
Chair: Julianne Cowley, DFAT

Possibilities for transformation or more of the same? Ethnic health system development in Shan State, Myanmar  
Sharon Bell, Massey University

Integrated patrols for rural and remote populations in New Ireland with in-service and patrol based training for rural and remote health workers in New Ireland – a combination that delivers  
Klara Henderson, Patrick McCloskey and Liz Mackinlay, Australian Doctors International

Evaluating the effectiveness of a decade of Australia’s investments in pandemics and emerging infectious disease preparedness and response in the Asia Pacific region: are health systems stronger?  
Gill Schierhout, University of NSW; Adam Craig, independent public health consultant; Laurence Gleeson, independent animal health and production specialist; and Irene Wettenhall, DFAT

Global health gains: lessons from Asia Pacific disease control  
Maxine Whittaker, James Cook University
**Panel 3c – Bringing ‘thinking and working politically’ and gender together II**  
Weston Theatre  
Chair: Sandra Kraushaar, DFAT

Lessons learned from women's leadership and coalitions in Indonesia  
Tanya McQueen, Cardno, and Hannah Derwent, DFAT

Thinking and working politically to support developmental leadership and coalitions – the gender dimension: The Pacific Leadership Program  
Lisa Denney, Rebecca McLaren, La Trobe University; and Peni Tawake, Pacific Leadership Program

What do effective coalitions for gender equality look like in the Pacific?  
Tara Chetty, Pacific Women Support Unit

**Panel 3d – Evaluation in the context of policy and politics**  
Barton Theatre  
Chair: Peter Versegi, Office of Development Effectiveness, DFAT

Evaluation in relation to the politics and effectiveness of aid  
Ravi Ram, Independent Evaluator

Marrying public diplomacy and aid evaluation: what is the potential for political-benefits analysis?  
Sarah Mason, University of Melbourne

How much can impact evaluations inform policy decisions?  
Eva Vivalt, ANU

**Panel 3e – International climate policy and politics**  
Brindabella Theatre  
Chair: Frank Jotzo, ANU

Cross-border impacts of climate policies on livelihoods: rethinking the case for international assistance  
Jonathan Pickering, University of Canberra

Politics matter! Or why, after more than 10 years and US$45 million in donor funding, Papua New Guinea still hasn’t reduced greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+)  
Andrea Babon, Charles Darwin University

Climate change investment in the Pacific: quality is as important as quantity  
Rhona McPhee, DFAT; and Kate Duggan, Griffin-NRM
Panel 3f – Aid case studies
Seminar Room 7
Chair: Colin Adams, Cardno

Partnering for effective change – The case of the Australia Africa Community Engagement Scheme (AACES)
Linda Kelly, LaTrobe University

Aid effectiveness, partnerships, and international development volunteering
Susanne Schech, Anuradha Mundkur, Flinders University; and Simona Achitei, Scope Global

Results-based financing of last-mile water projects: a science-of-delivery case for SDG6
Oleh Khalayim, World Bank; and Robert Warner, ANU

9.40am Plenary session:
3MAP: the Three-Minute Aid Pitch – ideas to improve Australian aid
Molonglo Theatre
Chair: Joel Negin, University of Sydney

What does Australian aid need more of, or less of? What are its ailments and what shape its cures? This panel presents the best, the most original, the most transformational, the most innovative ideas to get more bang from the 4 billion dollar buck that is the Australian aid program. Following the 3-Minute-Thesis format, rival advocates will battle it out for your vote. For something quick and different, don’t miss 3MAP: the Three-Minute Aid Pitch.

10.30am Morning tea

11.00am Panel 4a – Working with and through markets to address poverty and exclusion
Molonglo Theatre
Chair: Aly Miehlbradt, Miehlbradt Consulting Ltd

Developing inclusive market systems in developing countries is a growing focus of the Australian aid program. Market systems development (MSD) approaches seek to reduce poverty by improving the way people living in poverty engage with, and benefit from, markets. Some of these approaches work by building the capacity of local systems and engaging and incentivising private sector actors; these include the Market Development Facility (MDF) operating in Fiji, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste, the
Cambodia Agricultural Value Chain Program (CAVAC) and the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Rural Economic Development (AIP-Rural). Other approaches work by building the productive capacity of marginalised individuals and communities to enable them to better interact with markets; these include the Indonesian Rural Economic Development Program (IRED), the Agricultural and Rural Investments for Social Enterprises (ARISE) and TOMAK – Farming for Prosperity in Timor-Leste.

This panel will discuss market based approaches, particularly how they aim to address impediments to market based improvements in the living standards of people living in poverty, and how they have been applied in a diverse set of countries and contexts. The panel will also discuss how these different approaches work together to ensure the operation of efficient, effective and inclusive markets, and how each must adapt to conditions on the ground to ensure an enduring impact on poverty.

Managing Market Systems Development programs and the interaction between programs that build productive capacity and those that leverage the resources of the private sector

Julie Delforce, DFAT

How and why did Australian aid adopt the MSD approach? What are its key elements?

Alwyn Chilver, Palladium

Applying an MSD approach in small countries with thin markets and challenging enabling environments: lessons from Fiji and PNG

Mujaddid Mohsin, Country Representative Fiji and Papua New Guinea, Market Development Facility

The role of building household and individual productive capacity to increase the effectiveness and inclusiveness of markets

Chris Rowlands, World Vision Australia

Panel 4b – Local actor-led policy development: new evidence-based approaches from Indonesia

Acton Theatre
Chair: Veronica Taylor, ANU

This panel reflects on some of the results of the DFAT-funded Knowledge Sector Initiative (KSI) in Indonesia, in which ANU is an institutional partner. KSI is an innovative attempt to mobilize Australian aid in order to link the private sector (through local reform NGOs and policy institutes) to government. The aim is to increase the take-up of evidence-based policy initiatives in Indonesia and open up government to policy advice and research from the university and private sectors.
The panel presents project reports by leading reform NGOs in the fields of health, justice and poverty reduction in Indonesia, with a comment that theorizes the KSI experimental approach in light of current discourses about doing development differently and the role of local actors as part of the policy development and regulatory process.

Reconceiving development policy in Indonesia: linking academic and bureaucratic knowledge in the Supreme Court Judicial Reform Agenda
Gita Putri, PSHK

The process of poverty policy formulation in Indonesia: the role of the SMERU Research Institute
Luhur Arief Bima, SMERU Research Institute

Building capacity for decision maker-led implementation research in Indonesia
Shita Listyadewi Widodo, PKMK UGM

Panel 4c – Closing the gender data gap: the Individual Deprivation Measure as a gender-sensitive measure of multi-dimensional poverty
Weston Theatre
Chair: Sarah Goulding, DFAT

The Individual Deprivation Measure (IDM) is a new, gender-sensitive and multidimensional measure of poverty. It has been developed to assess deprivation at the individual level and overcome the limitations of current approaches which measure poverty at the household level. The IDM offers a means of contributing to closing the global gender data gap and tracking whether and to what extent the Global Goals are translating into change. This panel focuses on recent global developments in closing the gender data gap; how the IDM was developed and what it offers; findings to date from IDM country studies in Fiji and Nepal, and finally the ways in which the IDM advances a people-centred approach to development, drawing on the capability approach. The panel aims to open discussion on the theoretical, conceptual, empirical and policy opportunities and challenges that are relevant to closing the global gender data gap.

Why gender matters: Australia’s role in global efforts to close the gender gap
Lachlan Strahan, Sian Phillips, and Felicity Errington, DFAT

Developing a genuinely gender-sensitive measure of multi-dimensional poverty
Janet Hunt, ANU
Individual measurement matters: insights from Fiji and Nepal
Kylie Fisk and Joanne Crawford, International Women’s Development Agency (IWDA)

People-centred data: what the IDM offers – a capability approach
Sharon Bessell and Trang Pham, ANU

**Panel 4d – Disability and development: a success story? Next steps**
Barton Theatre
Chair: Bob McMullan, ANU

Disability inclusion has been seen as one of the continuing success stories of the recent Australian aid program. This panel will look at the factors behind that success and project forward to discuss the next steps for disability inclusion, particularly in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Setareki Macanawai, Pacific Disability Forum, Fiji
Alison Chartres, DFAT
Kirsty Thompson, CBM Australia

**Panel 4e – Humanitarian and disaster response**
Brindabella Theatre
Chair: Jamie Isbister, DFAT

MPs as humanitarians: a case study of responses to the 2014 floods in Solomon Islands
Carl Adams, Tearfund New Zealand

Forecast-based financing: scoping alternatives for early action disaster response in the Pacific
Olivia Warrick, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre; Emily Wilson and Fiona Tarpey, Australian Red Cross

The Syrian Crisis: the macro and micro impacts of donor education aid in Lebanon
Nina Maadad, The University of Adelaide; Rim El Kadi, ANU; and Minerva Nasser-Eddine, The University of Adelaide

**Panel 4f – The value of research for development**
Seminar Room 7
Chair: Fiona Yap, ANU
Getting more development impact through evidence and innovation: lessons from analysis of policy and practice outcomes from the Australian Development Research Awards
Debbie Muirhead, Nossal Institute; Juliet Willetts, University of Technology Sydney; Joanne Crawford, IWDA; Jane Hutchison, Murdoch University; and Philippa Smales, RDI Network

Impact evaluation of Australian aid: how successful was the DFAT-CSIRO Research for Development Alliance?
Neil Lazarow, Seona Meharg, James Butler, Jeff Connor, John Kandulu, Kate Duggan, and Christian Roth, CSIRO and Griffin NRM

Sustaining the international public good of the state-supported research university so to meet SDG4
Albert Schram and Eric Gilder, The Papua New Guinea University of Technology

Assessing research impact: insights from knowledge system and RAPID framework
Federico Davila, ANU and Sustineo Pty Ltd; Thomas Sloan, Sustineo Pty Ltd; Lorrae van Kerkhoff, ANU; and Andrew Alford, ACIAR

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Plenary session: The humanitarian system in crisis
Molonglo Theatre
Chair: Stephen Howes, ANU

The humanitarian aid system is in crisis. It’s a crisis of identity, financing and conduct. Arguably, global summity in 2015 and 2016 has done little to alleviate the humanitarian aid crisis. In a business-as-usual scenario, will implementing agencies really become better coordinated and more efficient, and donors more generous, flexible and willing to increase support for local actors? This panel discussion will air a diversity of perspectives on the state of the humanitarian aid system and options for improving it. Disagreement is guaranteed. So too are concrete ideas.

Robin Davies, Associate Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU
Adam Kamradt-Scott, Associate Professor, University of Sydney
Phoebe Wynn-Pope, Director, International Humanitarian Law and Movement Relations, Australian Red Cross
Paul McPhun, Executive Director, Médecins Sans Frontières Australia
Jamie Isbister, First Assistant Secretary and Humanitarian Coordinator, DFAT

3.00pm Afternoon tea

3.20pm Panel 5a – Beyond capacity building: how development assistance can improve justice outcomes
Molonglo Theatre
Chair: Deborah Isser, World Bank

How societies move towards the rule of law and well-functioning legal institutions that protect rights, safeguard against abuses of power and peacefully resolve disputes remains contested. So too does the relevance of the historical development trajectories of many donor countries for the rest of the world, given processes of uneven and combined development. Yet the recognition that the law is a key aspect of governance that provides the foundations for wider development, means the question of how to strengthen the rule of law is as relevant as ever.

Given that the rule of law speaks directly to how power is regulated within society, it is unsurprising that its development is deeply political. From who is able to freely exercise rights, to how the judiciary can hold elites to account, issues of justice speak directly to the (im)balance of power within a society. For this reason, the nature of the prevailing political settlement and the interests and incentives of elites are centrally important to citizen’s access to, and the quality of, justice. The increasing recognition of the political dynamics of development processes generally is therefore particularly relevant for the justice sector.

This panel will consider the political nature of the challenges of law and justice reform and what role aid actors can play in triggering changes that improve justice outcomes in practice, not just justice forms on paper.

WDR 2017, governance and the law
Deborah Isser, World Bank

Promoting justice outcomes through local contest? Solomon Islands through the lens of WDR 2017
Doug Porter, ANU

Creating security in PNG’s settlements? Emerging urban leadership and forms of authority regulating violence, local economies, youth
David Craig, World Bank
“Making big cases small and small cases disappear”: local experiences of justice in Myanmar
Lisa Denney, Overseas Development Institute

Panel 5b – Labour mobility among Australia’s neighbours
Acton Theatre
Robert Christie, DFAT

Backpackers v seasonal workers: learning from Australia’s and New Zealand’s contrasting experiences
Richard Curtain, Stephen Howes, and Henry Sherrell, ANU

Transitional livelihoods: Timorese migrant workers in the UK
Ann Wigglesworth, Victoria University

Enhancing the development impact of labour mobility in Pacific island countries
Alisi Holani, University of Adelaide

Panel 5c – Donor aid flows, policies, and perceptions
Weston Theatre
Chair: Blair Exell, DFAT

Is it time for another Grand Assize on foreign aid? Some reflections on the Pearson and Brandt Commissions
Patrick Kilby, ANU

Foreign aid through the lens of newsprint media: a comparative analysis of Australia, New Zealand and the UK
Anthony Swan and Harriet Conron, ANU

What Australian aid flows show
Matthew Dornan, Terence Wood, and Camilla Burkot, ANU

Panel 5d – Humanitarian civil-military coordination
Barton Theatre
Chair: Beth Eggleston, Humanitarian Advisory Group

Humanitarian civil-military coordination in disaster relief is increasingly recognised as critical to ensuring effective humanitarian response. This is compounded by an increase in the scale and frequency of natural disasters and numbers of international military deployments to disaster response operations. Although first responders to any disasters are affected populations themselves, in Asia and the Pacific region militaries also play a central role.

The informal brainstorming panel will explore several important
developments in the last year that will impact on what humanitarian civil-military coordination will look like in future disasters.

Beth Eggleston, Humanitarian Advisory Group
Viviana De Annuntiis, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
Alan Ryan, Australian Civil-Military Centre
COL Amanda Fielding, Australian Defence Force
Yaseen Ayobi, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership

Panel 5e – Global issues in aid and development
Brindabella Theatre
Chair: Robin Davies, ANU

Is there new capacity for redistribution to end three-quarters of global poverty?
Chris Hoy, University of Sydney, and Andy Sumner, King’s College London

Legal identity in the Post-2015 Development Agenda: promises of inclusion and dangers of exclusion
Christoph Sperfeldt, ANU

Taking SOGI rights seriously
Dennis Altman, LaTrobe University

The imperative for reforming the UN Security Council
John Langmore, University of Melbourne

Panel 5f – Engaging with churches to address gender inequality and violence
Seminar Room 7
Chair: James Batley, ANU

Faith, in whatever form it takes, plays a significant role in the lives of many people, communities and cultures throughout the world. The ideologies and beliefs that form behavioural foundations from these faith-based systems are often embedded within cultures and identity. As a result, interpretations of prominent faith-based doctrines that hold men and women on unequal footing, such as Biblical texts, can be and are used to cover-up, justify and even perpetuate gender inequality and violence against women and girls (VAWG).

This panel seeks to explore how working with and through Christian churches can be key to effectively challenging the underlying traditional belief systems that hold women as submissive and men as the “head” to enable transformative change that is built on a shifted Biblical interpretation that hold men and women as equal.
Engaging biblical theology for gender equality in the predominantly Christian Pacific context
Rev Dr Cliff Bird, UnitingWorld Pacific Regional Coordinator (Fiji)

Responding to victims of violence and working with men as advocates for gender equality
Rev Sereima Lomaloma, Anglican Diocese of Polynesia (Fiji) and House of Sarah

Working ecumenically across seven mainline churches in PNG for a shared theological view of gender equality: the Church Partnership Program
Helen Vavia, United Church PNG Development Unit, Church Partnership Program

Collaborative resonance: engaging faith leaders and communities to address gender-based violence
Abigail Howe-Will, World Vision Pacific and Timor-Leste, and Louise Kilgour, World Vision Australia

4.50pm **Wrap-up session and drinks**
Crawford School courtyard
Chair: Joel Negin, University of Sydney
Notes
WHO WE ARE

The Development Policy Centre (Devpolicy) is a think tank for aid and development serving Australia, the region, and the global development community. We undertake independent research and promote practical initiatives to improve the effectiveness of Australian Aid, to support the development of Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Island region, and to contribute to better development policy.

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