



Australasian AID Conference, November 2022 (Alexandra Orme Photography).

## 2022 ANNUAL LETTER DEVELOPMENT POLICY CENTRE

A lot happened in 2022, but the highlight of the year for us was undoubtedly the announcements Labor made in the election campaign with regards to Pacific migration. Some of these – allowing temporary Pacific workers to bring their families, and opening a Pacific window into the Australia’s permanent migration regime – are extremely important, and changes that I and colleagues had been advocating for years. To see Labor not only take these policies to the election but to implement them post-election is both heartening and significant.

For us at Devpol, 2022 also saw the return of our full suite of in-person conferences, seminars, and workshops after a two-year break due to the pandemic.

Ahead of the May Australian election, we co-hosted a series of [International Development Election Forums](#) that provided political parties an opportunity to convey their platforms and priorities for Australia’s international development cooperation and humanitarian assistance programs.

The [Pacific Update](#) at The University of the South Pacific in Fiji, in June was opened by His Excellency Lionel Rouwen Aingimea, President of Nauru, and the keynote address was given by the Hon. Pat Conroy, Australia’s new Minister for International Development and the Pacific. The Update included, for the second time, a one-day workshop on Pacific migration.

The [PNG Update](#) was held in person at The University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) Waigani campus in October. Highlights included an opening address by the Hon. James Marape, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, and the launch of the ANU-UPNG edited volume [Papua New Guinea: Government, Economy and Society](#).

In November, the [Australasian AID Conference](#) (AAC) made a welcome return and will permanently shift to this timeslot. Over 600 people enjoyed the best AAC ever.

While it was good to be back in person, online and hybrid events are here to stay. During the year, we hosted the [online AAC Speaker Series](#) in partnership with The Asia Foundation, which brought back some of our favourite speakers from previous Australasian AID Conferences. We kept (and will keep) our signature aid budget breakfast online, and have also continued with our successful monthly hybrid seminar series with UPNG.

During the year our [ANU-UPNG Partnership](#) staff returned to teaching in person in Port Moresby. One UPNG student



Hon. Pat Conroy MP, Australian Minister for International Development and the Pacific, at AAC2022 (Alexandra Orme Photography)

commenced the [Master of International and Development Economics \(MIDEC\)](#) at the Crawford School and one more student, having completed their studies, returned to teach at UPNG as part of the exchange.

Our Pacific migration team made submissions on reforming Pacific Australia Labour Mobility schemes, wrote numerous blogs in response to significant changes in Australian labour mobility policy, and were able to travel to the Pacific again to engage with key stakeholders in country.

Our aid and development policy researchers made recommendations to the new Australian government's international development policy review as well as the inquiry into 'supporting democracy in our region', and released the [2022 Australian aid transparency audit](#), the fourth in the series.

We published 247 blogs, 6 discussion papers, and 24 articles in *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies* journal.

As always, our thanks to everyone who writes for and reads the Devpolicy Blog and our other publications, and who presents at and attends our conferences, workshops, and seminars. We are also grateful for the many individuals who support us, our various conference partners and sponsors, and principal funders, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and our founding sponsor, the Harold Mitchell Foundation.

Finally, thanks to our host institution, the Crawford School of Public Policy, and the many other parts of the Australian National University to which we link and from which we draw. We're very proud to be part of Crawford and the ANU.



Professor Stephen Howes  
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From top: Professor Stephen Howes at the Pacific Update in Suva, Fiji in June; Panellists at the Pacific Update; Master of Economic and Public Policy (MEPP) students with their lecturer Dr Nematullah Bizhan (centre), one of the Devpol team working in Port Moresby as part of the ANU-UPNG partnership.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income	
DFAT	\$3,450,524
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	\$349,817
Partnerships and conferences	\$342,115
Donations	\$12,168
Other income	\$33,259
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,187,883</b>
Devpol contribution	\$457,428
Expenditure	
Salaries	\$2,730,877
Travel	\$259,132
Scholarships and summer school	\$122,836
ANU overheads	\$191,492
Other expenses	\$299,148
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,687,050</b>
<b>Income minus expenses</b>	<b>\$500,833</b>

This statement summarises our funding and expenditure for the 2022 calendar year. Note that the figures do not include substantial in-kind support received from ANU. We also acknowledge the funding and support from our event partners. The Devpol contribution reflects our own contribution from retained earnings in previous year. Any surplus of income over expenses will be spent in the next year or go to retained earnings for future expenditure. Expenditures are formally accounted for and audited as part of individual projects and/or as part of ANU finances.