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2016 Australasian Aid Conference – Wednesday 10 February 2016 – Crawford School of Public Policy

8.30am	*Registration and arrival tea and coffee*
9.00am	**Welcome** *Molonglo Theatre*
9.15am	**Opening address** Peter Varghese, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade *Molonglo Theatre*
10.05am	**Keynote address: Forging a new development future** Kitty van der Heijden, Director, World Resources Institute Europe Office *Molonglo Theatre*
11 – 11.20am	*Morning tea*

11.20am – 12.50pm	**Panel 1a – Putting political thinking into development practice** *Griffin Room*	**Panel 1b – Aid and local government** *Acton Theatre*	**Panel 1c – Aid in a time of flux: effects of development interventions in post-war middle-income Sri Lanka** *Lennox Room*	**Panel 1d – Global health** *Barton Theatre*	**Panel 1e – Aid effectiveness: macro issues** *Weston Theatre*

12.50 – 1.50pm	*Lunch*
1.50 – 3.20pm	**Plenary session: What will the SDGs mean for Asia?** Eun Mee Kim, Dean and Professor, Graduate School of International Studies and Director, Institute for Development and Human Security, Ewha University Ye Jiang, Director of the Institute for Global Governance Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS); Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University *Molonglo Theatre*
3.20 – 3.40pm	*Afternoon tea*

3.40 – 5.10pm	**Panel 2a – Aid, agriculture and climate change** *Griffin Room*	**Panel 2b – Australia, PNG and Fiji: aid and beyond** *Acton Theatre*	**Panel 2c – Aid, conflict and justice** *Weston Theatre*	**Panel 2d – Aid to Indonesia** *Lennox Room*	**Panel 2e – Aid and public opinion** *Barton Theatre*

5.10pm	*Close*
6.30pm	**Conference dinner** Bob McMullan, formerly Parliamentary Secretary for International Development and Current Executive Director, EBRD *Great Hall, University House*

2016 Australasian Aid Conference – Thursday 11 February 2016 – Crawford School of Public Policy

7.30am	Registration and arrival tea and coffee				
8.10 – 9.30am	**Panel 3a – Aid and the private sector** Acton Theatre	**Panel 3b – Climate change and global public goods** Barton Theatre	**Panel 3c – New perspectives on aid, recovery and statebuilding** Weston Theatre	**Panel 3d – Global health: lessons from PNG and the Pacific** Lennox Room	**Panel 3e – Humanitarian aid** Seminar Room 8
9.40am	**Keynote address: Launch of the 2015 Australian aid stakeholder survey results** Terence Wood, ANU Molonglo Theatre				
10.30 – 11am	Morning tea				
11am – 12.30pm	**Panel 4a – Australian aid policy** Barton Theatre	**Panel 4b – Aid to and from Asia** Acton Theatre	**Panel 4c – Migration: Pacific and Timor-Leste** Weston Theatre	**Panel 4d – Culture, research and Scholarships** Seminar Room 8	**Panel 4e – Power, policies and marginalisation** Lennox Room
12.30pm	Lunch				
1.30pm	**Plenary session: International climate change – Perspectives on Paris** Howard Bamsey, Adjunct Professor, Regulatory Institutions Network, ANU and formerly Australia's Special Envoy on Climate Change Teng Fei, Associate Professor, Institute of Energy Environment and Carbon, Tsinghua University, Beijing Stephen Howes, Professor, Director, Development Policy Centre, The Australian National University Molonglo Theatre				
2.50 – 3.10pm	Afternoon tea				
3.10 – 4.40pm	**Panel 5a – Social and gender analysis** Acton Theatre	**Panel 5b – Aid and governance** Seminar Room 8	**Panel 5c – Financial management and private sector challenges in small countries** Lennox Room	**Panel 5d – Aid and education: lessons from PNG** Barton Theatre	**Panel 5e – Forces shaping aid policy, and how we can influence aid for the better** Weston Theatre
4.50pm	**Wrap-up session and drinks** Crawford School Lawns				

Day one – Wednesday 10 February 2016

8.30am   *Registration and arrival tea and coffee*

9am   **Welcome**
          Molonglo Theatre

          Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU
          Gordon Hein, Senior Vice President, The Asia Foundation

9.15am   **Opening address**
          Molonglo Theatre
          Chair: Veronica Taylor, Dean, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

          Peter Varghese, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

10.05am   **Keynote address: Forging a new development future**
          Molonglo Theatre
          Chair: Ewen McDonald, Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign
          Affairs and Trade

          Kitty van der Heijden, Director, World Resources Institute Europe
          Office

          *After the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and
          with massive funding commitments coming out of the Paris climate
          change discussions, the international community now faces the real
          work of translating vision and commitment into action. Some countries
          think the SDGs will make little difference to their development effort;
          others are anticipating major changes. So are the SDGs more than a
          PR device? Will they make a difference? What will public, private and
          non-governmental actors need to do better, more, or differently to
          achieve the SDGs? Strategy alignment, integration of economic, social
          and environmental dimensions into decision making and the respect of
          the core principles of inclusion will be key factors for success. In a
          universal framework, policy coherence for sustainable development,
          both domestic and international, is equally essential. What can we learn
          from the early adopters on the policy shifts needed to accelerate
          progress?*

11am   *Morning tea*

11.20am   **Panel 1a – Putting political thinking into development practice**
Griffin Room
Chair: Sandra Kraushaar, DFAT

This submitted panel includes a series of papers that aim to provide practical tools for the aid industry (both donors and NGOs) to translate complex political analysis and thinking into programming practice: from design, to ongoing adaptation to changing political processes, to demonstrating results.

Designing context-relevant development programs: a problem-focused political economy analysis tool for aid practitioners
Lisa Denney, Overseas Development Institute

Everyday political analysis
David Hudson, University College London; Heather Marquette, University of Birmingham; and Sam Waldock, UK Department for International Development, Rwanda

How large, traditional aid programs can be politically smart: experience from Southeast Asia
Thomas Parks, DFAT

The evaluation of politics and the politics of evaluation: playing the game to change the rules?
Chris Roche, La Trobe University and Irene Guijt, Oxfam Great Britain

Panel 1b – Aid and local government
Acton Theatre

Development assistance and the pursuit of inclusive growth: the role of local governance institutions
Chilenye Nwapi, University of Calgary

The political economy of frontline service delivery in Indonesia: sub-district government's roles, responsibilities, and realities
Anna Wetterberg, Jana Hertz and Derick W. Brinkerhoff, RTI International

Promoting development through greater local leadership and innovative new models – sounds good but is it feasible?
Felicity Young, RTI International and Graham Neilsen, Stonewall Medical Centre

Panel 1c – Aid in a time of flux: effects of development interventions in post-war middle-income Sri Lanka
Lennox Room
Chair: Priyanthi Fernando, Independent development consultant and former Executive Director, Centre for Poverty Analysis, Sri Lanka

This submitted panel will focus on the effects of foreign aid in Sri Lanka and subsequent development interventions on economic, political and social dynamics of war-affected communities.

NGOs and statebuilding – perspectives from war-affected areas in Sri Lanka
Nayana Godamunne, Centre for Poverty Analysis

'Life and debt': Assessing the impacts of participatory housing reconstruction in post-conflict Sri Lanka
Vagisha Gunasekara, Mira Philips, K. Romeshun and Mohamed Munas, Centre for Poverty Analysis

Restoring and rebuilding livelihoods through CDD approaches in conflict settings: Sri Lanka case study
Aftab Lall, Centre for Poverty Analysis

'No silver bullet': interrogating the donor assumption of "entrepreneurship" in micro and small enterprise interventions in Northern Sri Lanka
Mohamed Munas and Gayathri Lokuge, Centre for Poverty Analysis

Panel 1d – Global health
Barton Theatre
Chair: Joel Negin, The University of Sydney

Assessing the role of the Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies in promoting regional public goods for evidence-based policy decisions
Krishna Hort and Peter Annear, Nossal Institute for Global Health; and Dale Huntington, Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Global governance for health: protecting vulnerable people from infectious diseases in countries with weak health systems
Yasushi Katsuma, Waseda University

Using regional public goods to inform national health policy: the health systems in transition reviews
Zaina Sarhan, Georgetown University and Dale Huntington, Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Panel 1e – Aid effectiveness: macro issues
Weston Theatre
Chair: Derek Rooken-Smith, DFAT

The morally defensible allocation of foreign aid: how to effectively assist developing countries while enhancing self-sufficiency, agency, and improved power structures
Sarah W. Dickerson, University of Maryland

Resolving the great aid debate: power and politics in the pursuit of more effective aid
Jo Hall, ANU

The first review of an aid donor by recipient countries
Alfred Schuster, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and Peter Zwart, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

12.50pm   *Lunch*

1.50pm   **Plenary session: What will the SDGs mean for Asia?**
Molonglo Theatre
Chair: Julia Newton-Howes, CARE Australia

Are the new Sustainable Development Goals relevant for Asia? What if anything will they mean for domestic and development cooperation policies and practices of the Asian powers, such as China, Korea and Indonesia? Hear from the experts who have led their countries' engagement in the formulation of the SDGs. Are they happy with the outcome? What difference, if any, will the SDGs make for Asia?

Eun Mee Kim, Dean and Professor, Graduate School of International Studies and Director, Institute for Development and Human Security, Ewha University

Ye Jiang, Director of the Institute for Global Governance Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS); Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

3.20pm   *Afternoon tea*

3.40pm   **Panel 2a – Aid, agriculture and climate change**
Griffin Room

The impact of international development aid policy on local development: findings from the National Agricultural Advisory Services program in Uganda
Samuel Bernard Ariong, Mel Gray and Kate Davis, University of Newcastle

Taking stock of international cooperation for low carbon, climate resilient land use in Indonesia
Angela Falkoner and <u>*Skye Glenday*</u>*, Climate Policy Initiative*

Donor-supported road projects in Cambodia: accountability challenges for climate-resilient practice
Bunlong Leng, University of Melbourne

Training seedlings: applying lessons from food security and resource management programs in East Sumba
<u>*Shannon Ryan*</u>*, Dean Thomson and Hayley Channer, World Vision Australia*

Panel 2b – Australia, PNG and Fiji: aid and beyond
Acton Theatre

Institutional linkages programs – the key priority for Australia's spending programs in PNG
Paul Flanagan, ANU

Migration, merchandise, trade and tourism: a tale of Fiji and Australia
Neelesh Gounder, University of the South Pacific

Assessing the impact of public finances on the PNG-Australia borderland
<u>*Laura Simpson Reeves*</u> *and Mark Moran, University of Queensland*

Advising: the counterpart perspective
Bridi Rice, La Trobe University

Panel 2c – Aid, conflict and justice
Weston Theatre
Chair: Andrew Egan, DFAT

Supporting peace processes in Southeast Asia: have politically savvy, flexible approaches become the norm?
<u>*Seema Chandra*</u>*, Australian Embassy in Myanmar; Thomas Parks, DFAT; and* <u>*Patrick Barron*</u>*, The Asia Foundation*

Innovations in access to justice for Africa's poorest: lessons learned, insights gained
Adam Dubin, Universidad Pontificia Comillas and New York University - Madrid

Rowing upstream: the chronicles of Lebanon's donor funded water sector reform
Rim El-Kadi, ANU

Development and reparations in post-conflict situations
Christopher Sperfeldt, ANU

Panel 2d – Aid to Indonesia
Lennox Room

The unexamined gift: Australia's aid relationship with Indonesia
Robin Davies, ANU

An evaluation of GAVI HSS project implementation using Paris
Declaration principles
*Budi Perdana, Ministry of Health, The Republic of Indonesia; Laksono
Trisnantoro and Mubyasyisyir Hasan Basri, University of Gadjah Mada*

Measuring the effectiveness of bilateral aid programs: the Australia-
Indonesia Partnership for Maternal and Neonatal Health
*Krishna Hort, University of Melbourne; Louise Simpson and Nugroho,
Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Maternal and Neonatal Health*

Panel 2e – Aid and public opinion
Barton Theatre

What do Australians think about aid?
Camilla Burkot and Terence Wood, ANU

Modelling support for overseas aid over time: a cross-national
comparison of Britain, France, Germany and the US
*Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson and David Hudson, University College
London*

5.10pm	*Close*

6.30pm	**Conference dinner**

Great Hall, University House
Chair: Anthea Mulakala, The Asia Foundation
After dinner address:
Bob McMullan, former Parliamentary Secretary for International
Development and current Executive Director, European Bank for
Reconstruction and Development

Day two – Thursday 11 February 2016

7.30am   *Registration and arrival tea and coffee*

8.10am   **Panel 3a – Aid and the private sector**
Acton Theatre
Chair: Alwyn Chilver, Palladium

Credit guarantees and access to finance in the Pacific region
Peter Dirou and Paul Holden, Pacific Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI)

Innovative financing of cataract surgery – the case for piloting a Development Impact Bond
Lachlan McDonald, Alex Rankin and David Lansley, The Fred Hollows Foundation, Australia

From public to private: transforming subsistence farmers to commercial profit-oriented agribusiness
Rochelle Spencer, Davina Boyd and John Davis, Murdoch University; Catherine Mthinda and Charles Masangano, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Malawi; Stanley Khaila, Agriculture Extension Consultant; Geoff Heinrich, Catholic Relief Services Southern Africa Regional Office, Zambia

Resisting the formulaic: measuring the impact of aid on entrepreneurship and development
Simon White, Independent Policy Advisor

Panel 3b – Climate change and global public goods
Barton Theatre
Chair: Robin Davies, ANU

International financing for climate change adaptation in Small Island Developing States
Stacy-Ann Robinson and Matthew Dornan, ANU

Financing the future: how international public finance should fund a global social compact to eradicate poverty
Romilly Greenhill, Chris Hoy, Paddy Carter and Marcus Manuel, Overseas Development Institute

"Socialism masquerading as environmentalism"? International climate finance and party politics in Australia
Jonathan Pickering, University of Canberra and Paul Mitchell, RMIT University

Panel 3c – New perspectives on aid, recovery and statebuilding
Weston Theatre
Chair: Thomas Parks, DFAT

This submitted panel, developed in conjunction with the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium (SLRC), will discuss livelihoods, basic services and social protection in conflict-affected situations in eight countries – DRC, Uganda, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka – based on a six-year panel research program led by a team based at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI).

Aid in fragile and conflict-affected situations: new perspectives on building state capacity
Lisa Denney, Overseas Development Institute

Aid in fragile and conflict-based situations: new perspectives on state legitimacy and statebuilding
Rachel Slater, <u>Richard Mallet</u> and Hamish Nixon, Overseas Development Institute

Aid in fragile and conflict-affected situations: new perspectives on stakeholders and statebuilding
<u>Rachel Slater</u> and Richard Mallet, Overseas Development Institute

Panel 3d – Global health: lessons from PNG and the Pacific
Lennox Room
Chair: Bob Warner, ANU

Immunisation programs in the Pacific: health security threats and implications for donors
Stewart Tyson, Independent Consultant; <u>John Clements</u>, University of Melbourne and Independent Consultant; and Rebecca Dodd, DFAT

Implementing global strategies to improve maternal health
Susan Crabtree, University of Auckland

Preparing the PNG health workforce for an emergent pandemic: health security and health systems strengthening in action
<u>Joel Negin</u>, University of Sydney and Glen Mola, University of Papua New Guinea

Aid effectiveness in nursing and midwifery: a multi-sectorial approach
<u>Michele Rumsey</u>, Caroline Homer, Jodi Thiessen, Amanda Neill and Lin Lock, University of Technology Sydney

Panel 3e – Humanitarian aid
Seminar Room 8

Using aid to buy humanitarian space: the politics of Myanmar's Rakhine State
Alex Douglas, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue's Rakhine State Project

The business of saving lives: accountability to whom? Private sector engagement in humanitarian action
Nicole Rencoret, Consultant, Humanitarian Advisory Group and MBA student, University of Warwick

9.40am   **Keynote address: Launch of the 2015 Australian aid stakeholder survey results**
Molonglo Theatre
Chair: Stephen Howes, ANU

In 2013 the Development Policy Centre conducted the first ever comprehensive survey of Australia's aid stakeholders, canvasing their views of the Australian aid program. Since then Australian aid has changed dramatically: AusAID is no more, the focus of aid has shifted, and the aid budget has been cut dramatically. In 2015 the Centre re-ran the stakeholder survey, and the data from the two surveys provides a unique opportunity to examine the impacts of these changes. In his presentation **Terence Wood***, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU, will reveal what the 2015 Australian aid stakeholder found. He will look at what has gotten better, and what has gotten worse, and offer suggestions for improving Australian aid.*

10.30am   *Morning tea*

11am   **Panel 4a – Australian aid policy**
Barton Theatre
Chair: Stephen Howes, ANU

This session provides an opportunity for further discussion of the stakeholder survey (see plenary above) as well as general discussion of recent developments in Australian aid policy. The panel will include: **Terence Wood***, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, and co-author of the 2015 Aid Stakeholder Survey;* **Richard Moore***, Former Deputy Director General, AusAID; and industry representatives.*

Panel 4b – Aid to and from Asia
Acton Theatre
Chair: Gordon Hein, The Asia Foundation

Are there any long-run commercial benefits for Australia of its aid to Asian countries? A dynamic panel econometric technique analysis

Sabit Amum Otor and Matthew Dornan, ANU

Indonesian development cooperation: shifting rhetoric in South-South Cooperation
Miranda Tahalele, ANU

China's triangular aid cooperation, a promising new trend?
Denghua Zhang, ANU

Panel 4c – Migration: Pacific and Timor-Leste
Weston Theatre
Chair: Richard Curtain, ANU

Seasonal labour migration and development in the Pacific
Rochelle Bailey, ANU

'On the ship, you can do anything': development impacts of international cruise ship employment for i-Kiribati migrant women
Sophia Kagan, International Labour Organization

Labour mobility between Pacific Island countries
Carmen Voigt-Graf, NRI and ANU

Experiences of young Timorese as migrant workers in Korea
Ann Wigglesworth and Zulmira Fonseca, Independent Consultants

Panel 4d – Research and culture
Seminar Room 8

What is effective aid in research for development? Designing, implementing and evaluating enhanced research for development programs
Bethany Davies, Clear Horizon; Julien Colomer, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); Brian Belcher and Daniel Suryadarma, Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

International agricultural research and multi-stakeholder partnership in the era of the SDGs. New practice agenda, new science agenda
Andy Hall, CSIRO; Kumuda Dorai, LINK Ltd; and Jerone Dijkman, Independent Science and Partnership Council of the CGIAR

Aid and archaeology: the role of cultural heritage in sustainable development
Katherine Harper, The University of Sydney

Panel 4e – Power, policies and marginalisation
Lennox Room
Chair: Gillian Fletcher, La Trobe University

This submitted panel will discuss approaches to inequality and injustice ("no one left behind"), argue that use of a siloed approach, often built on Western identity categories, can contribute to the marginalisation of particular groups and call for an intersectional approach to the analysis of, and responses to, social inequality and injustice, drawing on local practice.

Panellists: *Gillian Fletcher, La Trobe University; Bronwyn Tilbury, International Women's Development Agency; Cai Wilkinson, Deakin University*

12.30pm   *Lunch*

1.30pm   **Plenary session: International climate change – Perspectives on Paris**
Molonglo Theatre
Chair: Frank Jotzo, ANU

The Paris negotiations on climate change are a critical event for anyone with an interest in international development. This international panel, with leading analysts from Australia and China, will analyse Paris outcomes and their consequences.

Howard Bamsey, Adjunct Professor, Regulatory Institutions Network, ANU and formerly Australia's Special Envoy on Climate Change

Teng Fei, Associate Professor, Institute of Energy Environment and Carbon, Tsinghua University, Beijing

Stephen Howes, Professor, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU

2.50pm   *Afternoon tea*

3.10pm   **Panel 5a – Social and gender analysis**
Acton Theatre

Microfinance and social hierarchy after international intervention: Timorese case studies on both sides of the border
Melissa Johnston, Murdoch University

Understanding the intangible: Evaluating a gender norms change program in Solomon Islands
Tracy McDiarmid and Erin Goddard, World Vision Australia

Exploring how 'participation' and 'inclusion' are constructed into local NGO projects that provide services for people with disabilities in rural Cambodia
Nuth Monyrath, RMIT University

Gender analysis of Oxfam savings and loans groups in Timor-Leste
Sara Niner and Katy Cornwell, Monash University; Christina Benevides, Timor Surveys

Panel 5b – Aid and governance
Seminar Room 8
Chair: Michael Wilson, DFAT

The role of international donors in media reform in Myanmar: dealing with the fluctuation of political will by the state
Nwet Kay Khine, Mahidol University

Political settlements and the politics of inclusion
Alina Rocha Menocal, University of Birmingham

Aid and social movements in Cambodia
Sokphea Young, University of Melbourne

Panel 5c – Financial management and private sector challenges in small countries
Lennox Room

History, geography and public financial management in small island states
Kylie Coulson, Curtin University

Towards 'problem driven' public financial management reform in Pacific island countries
Richard Bontjer, Asian Development Bank; Sierd Hadley, Overseas Development Institute; Tobias Haque, World Bank; Philipp Krause, Overseas Development Institute; Vinayak Nagaraj and Johannes Wolf, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade

The relevance of the Doing Business Indicators to Pacific island economies
Paul Holden and Terry Reid, Pacific Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI)

Panel 5d – Aid and education: lessons from PNG
Barton Theatre
Chair: Alison Chartres, DFAT

Education policy in practice, global lessons from PNG

Adeola Capel, Australian Council for Educational Research and Regina Mabia, Department of Education

Improving quality education in a world obsessed with student numbers: the case of PNG
Anthony Swan and Grant Walton, ANU

Panel 5e – Forces shaping aid policy, and how we can influence aid for the better
Weston Theatre
Chair: Chris Roche, La Trobe University

In this submitted interactive session panellists will discuss and debate forces that have led to change and continuity, and cover the aid policy making process more broadly.

Panellists: *David Hudson, University College London; Jo Spratt, ANU; Ben Day, ANU and Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson, University College London*

4.50pm	**Wrap-up session and drinks** *Crawford School lawns* Chair: Joel Negin, University of Sydney

Notes

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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.

We were established in September 2010 and are based at Crawford School of Public Policy in the College of Asia and the Pacific at The Australian National University.
Our publications, discussion papers, policy briefs and reports make our research available for all. Our events are fora for the dissemination of findings and the exchange of information and ideas. The Devpolicy Blog is our platform for analysis, discussion and debate.

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