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Welcome to the 2019 Australasian Aid Conference!

Now in its sixth year, the Australasian Aid Conference once again brings 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.

This year the Conference has expanded to include over 40 parallel sessions, in addition to the opening address, keynote address, three keynote panels, and one plenary session, which will cover a range of topics across the international development sector.

We hope you enjoy the conference, and we look forward to meeting you over the next three days.

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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 separate 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:

- Canberra Elite 13 22 27
- Cabxpress 1300 222 977
- Silver Service 13 31 00
- ACT Cabs (02) 6280 0077

Wheelchair Accessible
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Uber also operates in Canberra.

As a general guide, a taxi from Canberra Airport to ANU takes around 20 minutes and will cost approximately $30-40, depending on traffic conditions.

By bus
Canberra’s public bus service, Transport Canberra, covers Canberra’s major tourist sites and the suburbs. The number 77A bus stops directly in front of the Crawford School. More information can be found at transport.act.gov.au or contact Transport Canberra 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. Visitors can use the CelloPark app to pay for parking on campus via their mobile phone, following a one-time registration. Please refer to carpark signage for guidance.

Conference website

Wifi
Free wifi internet access is available for conference attendees. The login details are posted around the conference venue, and on the back of your lanyards.

Preparation rooms
Seminar Room 9 has been set aside as a quiet space for speakers to prepare ahead of their presentations. It will be open throughout the conference. Canberry and Springbank Rooms are available for collaborative work.

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 use Seminar Room 2. 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 #AAC2019 to join the conversation online.
CONFERENCE APP

Download the app
The 2019 Australasian Aid Conference has a free, official app through Whova, which you can download through the Apple Store or Android App Store.

After downloading the app, use the email address you used to register for the conference to sign up, and you will be taken through to the AAC event. Alternatively, enter the invitation code AAC2019 to access the event.

Explore the features
Whova can be used to view the full program, create a customised conference schedule, network with speakers and other attendees, and receive any last-minute schedule updates or announcements from the conference organisers. You can also view the profiles of the speakers at the conference.

Get social
You can easily populate your profile by linking to social media accounts, and join the conversation on Twitter using the hashtag #AAC2019.

Tell us what you think
Don’t forget to tell us what you think about the AAC! Give feedback directly through the app by selecting ‘feedback survey’ and following the prompts.

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### MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY
#### PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

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Dr Gillian Fletcher, La Trobe University  
Barton Theatre | Launch – Integrating foreign affairs: what has worked, what has not, and where to next in a changed world  
Richard Moore, Independent Consultant  
Brindabella Theatre |
| 3.00 - 4.00pm | **Launch – ASEAN as the architect for regional development cooperation**  
Tom Parks, The Asia Foundation  
Barton Theatre | **Launch – SDG16 in the Pacific**  
Murray Ackman, The Institute for Economics & Peace  
Brindabella Theatre |
| 4.00pm      | Afternoon tea                                                           |                |
| 4.30 - 6.00pm | **Promoting empowerment through aid for trade**  
Chair: Dr Bambang Susantono, Vice-President – Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank  
Presenter: Dr Cyn-Young Park, Director – Regional Cooperation and Integration, Economics and Research Department, Asian Development Bank  
Discussants: Dr Shishir Priyadarsh, Director – Development Division, World Trade Organization  
Dr Yixiao Zhou, Lecturer, Faculty of Business and Law, ANU  
Co-hosted with the Asian Development Bank |                |
| 6.00pm      | Opening reception                                                       |                |

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| 8.50 - 9.40am | **Opening address**                                            
Molonglo Theatre [Overflow: Weston Theatre] | Frances Adamson, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade |
| 9.40 - 10.30am | **2019 Mitchell Oration – Africa and the global landscape: emerging trends and the way forward**  
Molonglo Theatre [Overflow: Weston Theatre] | Dr Donald Kaberuka, Former President, African Development Bank and Former Minister of Finance, Rwanda |
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Registration and arrival tea and coffee

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### 9.40 - 10.30am

#### Keynote address – Contemporary challenges in development finance: Are we heading for a new debt crisis, and other questions

Molonglo Theatre [Overflow: Weston Theatre]

Masood Ahmed, President, Center for Global Development

### 10.30 - 11.00am
Morning tea

### 11.00am - 12.30pm

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Lunch

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### 3.00 - 3.30pm
Afternoon tea
3.30 - 5.00pm

Plenary session – Debating Australian aid
Molonglo Theatre [Overflow: Weston Theatre]

2018 Stakeholder Survey
Terence Wood, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre

From grants to loans
Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre
Matthew Dornan, Deputy Director, Development Policy Centre

Discussants
Joanne Choe, Regional Manager – Pacific, Cardno
Marc Purcell, CEO, ACFID
Clare Walsh, Deputy Secretary – Global Cooperation, Development and Partnerships Group, DFAT

Closing
Helen Sullivan, Director, Crawford School of Public Policy

5.00pm

Closing reception
Crawford School courtyard
This exhibition is co-hosted with the Queensland University of Technology and the University of Goroka.  
8am 19 February – 5pm 20 February, Canberry/Springbank Rooms

This photo exhibition showcases photographs by human rights defenders in Papua New Guinea (PNG). They are part of the community-led initiative Yumi Sanap Strong (Let’s Stand Strong Together) that has emerged from an action research project undertaken by Queensland University of Technology in partnership with the University of Goroka. The project develops communication strategies and materials to address sorcery accusation-related violence in PNG.

Human rights defenders from PNG produced the photographs and stories, which they use for advocacy and education.

The photographic stories demonstrate, through the brave leadership of the human rights defenders, how change emerges from within communities and how individual and community-led initiatives can be used to highlight the importance of valuing human life.

_The stories shared in this exhibition are from Kup Women for Peace (Simbu), Kafe Women’s Association (Eastern Highlands Province), Kedu Seif Haus (Milne Bay) and the Nazareth Centre for Rehabilitation (Bougainville)._
MONDAY
18 FEBRUARY
PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

As part of the pre-conference program, a series of four report and book launches will be open to the public, covering the role of ASEAN, Australian development policy, addressing inequality and marginalisation, and peace and justice in the Pacific.

2.00pm  **Launch – Engendering transformative change in international development**
Dr Gillian Fletcher, Research Fellow, La Trobe University
*Barton Theatre*

The Sustainable Development Goals are grand ambitions for ending poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring prosperity for all. But these are impossible without addressing other issues, such as inequality and marginalisation. Gillian Fletcher’s new book *Engendering transformative change in international development* brings together theoretical perspectives on social change, gender, intersectionality and forms of knowledge, concluding with proposals for revitalising a change agenda that recognises and engages with intersectionality and practical wisdom. In the words of Robert Chambers, this book is “a must-read for all development professionals”.

Chair: Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt, Professor, ANU
Discussant: Jocelyn Condon, Director – Effectiveness and Engagement, ACFID

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2.00pm  **Launch – Integrating foreign affairs: what has worked, what has not, and where to next in a changed world**
Richard Moore, Independent Consultant
*Brindabella Theatre*

The 2013 integration of AusAID into DFAT was controversial, but now, five years on, how successful has it been? In this strategic review of the integration, former AusAID Deputy Director General Richard Moore looks at the gains, the possibilities not yet identified, and the strategic risks, concluding that reshaping development cooperation will be critical to achieving White Paper objectives in Asia, as well as the Pacific. As part of Integration 2.0, the review proposes to elevate and expand development and diplomatic knowledge management and separate out and organise differently the technical skills needed for program design and delivery.

Chair: Jacqui de Lacy, Managing Director, Abt Australia
Discussant: Benjamin Day, Associate Lecturer, ANU
3.00pm **Australian launch – **ASEAN as the architect for regional development cooperation**
*Barton Theatre*

ASEAN has not traditionally played a major role in development assistance, but the recent expansion of regional development initiatives, such as the Belt and Road Initiative, is increasing geopolitical competition in Southeast Asia and posing major opportunities and risks for ASEAN countries. In light of this, The Asia Foundation’s recent report *ASEAN as the architect for regional development cooperation* examines the prospects and challenges of ASEAN playing a greater leadership role in development cooperation, how this could realistically happen, and the implications for international development organisations.

*Thomas Parks, Thailand Country Representative, The Asia Foundation*

Chair: *Anthea Mulakala, Director – International Development Cooperation, The Asia Foundation*

Discussants:

*Ben Davey, Director, ASEAN Regional Programs Section, DFAT*

*Dr Peter Drysdale, Emeritus Professor, ANU*

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3.00pm **Launch – SDG16 in the Pacific: strengthening and legitimising institutions to achieve sustainable development**
*Brindabella Theatre*

SDG16 focuses on peace, justice and strong institutions, and is particularly important to the Pacific region as it confronts many emerging challenges, both internal and external. This new report, *SDG16 in the Pacific*, part of a larger research project by the Institute for Economics and Peace with support from DFAT, outlines opportunities for the Pacific in measuring progress for SDG16, as well as regional opportunities for sustaining peace. This includes practical examples for how countries and territories in the region can be supported in localising, measuring and actioning progress towards the SDG16 targets.

Chair: *David Hammond, Director of Research, Institute for Economics and Peace*

Discussants:

*Hannah Birdsey, Assistant Secretary – Governance, Fragility and Water Branch, DFAT*

*Alison Culpin, Demographer and Social Statistician, SPC*

*Dr Michelle Rooney, Research Fellow, ANU*

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4.00pm **Afternoon tea**
4.30pm  **Promoting empowerment through aid for trade**  
*Barton Theatre*

International trade has been instrumental to rapid economic growth and poverty reduction in Asia and the Pacific, but its benefits are not always shared equitably amongst all segments of the economy. How can international trade promote inclusive growth and empowerment? By actively pursuing participation of women and the growing youth population in trade-related activities, facilitating the integration of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises into regional value chains and global trade, and promoting inclusive industrial development by broadening trade for the services and rural economy, according to the Asian Development Bank’s new report *Promoting empowerment through aid for trade*.

Chair: Dr Bambang Susantono, Vice President – Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank

Presenter: Dr Cyn-Young Park, Director – Regional Cooperation and Integration, Economics and Research Department, Asian Development Bank

Discussants:

Dr Shishir Priyadarshi, Director – Development Division, World Trade Organization

Dr Yixiao Zhou, Research Fellow, ANU

*This session is co-hosted with the Asian Development Bank.*

6.00pm  **Opening reception**  
*Crawford School Courtyard*
TUESDAY
19 FEBRUARY
DAY ONE

7.30am  Registration and arrival tea and coffee

8.30am  **Conference Introduction**
         *Molonglo Theatre*

         **Stephen Howes**, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU
         **David Arnold**, President and CEO, The Asia Foundation

8.50am  **Opening address**
         *Molonglo Theatre*

         **Frances Adamson**, Secretary, DFAT

9.40am  **2019 Mitchell Oration – Africa and the global landscape: emerging trends and the way forward**
         *Molonglo Theatre*

         **Dr Donald Kaberuka**, Former President, African Development Bank and Former Minister of Finance, Rwanda

10.30am  **Morning tea**

11.00am  **Panel 1a – The long and winding road: from research to policy**
         *Molonglo Theatre*

         This panel will provide insights into the processes by which research is, or is not, effectively translated into policy and practice. It will suggest practical ways in which these processes can be better understood and improved.

         Chair: **Sakuntala Akmeemana**, Principal Specialist – Governance, Development Policy Division, DFAT

         The direct, indirect and unintended routes to change: confessions of a research program
         **Chris Adams**, Senior Learning and Outreach Advisor, Institute for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University; **Claire Mcloughlin**, Lecturer, and **David Hudson**, Professor, University of Birmingham

         Challenges and opportunities in brokering research and knowledge for impact in international development
         **Andrea Babon**, Senior Research Fellow, **Lisa Denney**, Senior Research Fellow, and **Paul Kelly**, Research Fellow, Institute for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University

         A snapshot of practice in the development sector: research communications and uptake
         **Melissa Kamp**, Principal – Research Monitoring and Evaluation, Coffey International Development; and **Jenny Vaccari**, former Network Communications Coordinator, Research for Development Impact Network
Panel 1b – Climate finance
Weston Theatre

Chair: Frank Jotzo, Director, Centre for Climate Economics and Policy, ANU

COP24: where to from here for the future of our global response to climate change?
Patrick Suckling, Australian Ambassador for the Environment, DFAT

Bilateral climate aid and the complex governance in Indonesia
Gracia Paramitha, PhD Candidate, University of York

Climate finance conditions in developing countries’ nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement: foothold for equity or Achilles heel?
Pieter Pauw, Researcher, German Development Institute; Paula Castro, Senior Researcher, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich; Jonathan Pickering, Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance, University of Canberra; and Shikha Bhasin, Programme Lead, Council on Energy, Environment and Water, India

ODA diversion to climate mitigation a global public good – solutions
Fiona Ryan, Researcher, Climate Action Network – Cairns
11.00am  **Panel 1c – The Rohingya crisis response**  
*Barton Theatre*

The Rohingya crisis is now into its second year as the world’s current largest refugee displacement, with close to one million people living in camps and temporary settlements in Bangladesh. Hear from specialists deployed through the Australia Assists program to the UN to get the inside story of the Rohingya crisis response.

Chair: Kylie Harrington, Manager – Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning, RedR Australia

Integrated WASH systems into water security frameworks  
*Camilla Bachet, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Officer, UNHCR*

Disaster risk reduction: building capacity towards landslide risks within a displaced population  
*Marina Drazba, Shelter Officer, UNHCR*

Quality of life and drone today, map tomorrow  
*Regan Potangaroa, Shelter Specialist, UNHCR*

11.00am  **Panel 1d – Topics in aid and development**  
*Acton Theatre*

Chair: Joanna Spratt, Advocacy and Campaign Director, Oxfam New Zealand

The second green revolution, a new approach or more of the same: implications for agricultural research  
*Patrick Kilby, Senior Lecturer, ANU*

An empirical analysis of the foreign aid and real exchange rate nexus  
*Kongchheng Poch, PhD Candidate, Lincoln University*

Political budget cycles and dependence on foreign aid  
*Mathias Pronin, PhD Candidate, Stockholm University*

Aid, violence and women’s voices  
*Helen Ware, Professor, University of New England*

11.00am  **Panel 1e – Pacific labour mobility: opportunities to build our futures together**  
*Brindabella Theatre*

With the recent establishment of the Pacific Labour Scheme and Pacific Labour Facility, and the reorientation and rebadging of the Australia Pacific Training Coalition and Pacific Labour Facility, this panel provides the opportunity for a conversation about the complexities and opportunities that labour mobility provides for the Pacific region.

Chair: Kaye Schofield, Board Chair, Australia Pacific Training Coalition

Responding to the Pacific Labour Scheme from a sending-country perspective  
*Richard Curtain, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU*

Realising a net skills gain for the Pacific  
*Andie Fong Toy, Labour Mobility Adviser, Australia Pacific Training Coalition*
Possibilities for Pacific labour mobility
Alisi Holani, Deputy CEO, Tonga Ministry of Commerce

Understanding the Australian labour market – the Pacific Labour Facility
Nick Volk, Team Leader, Pacific Labour Facility

11.00am  
**Panel 1f – Sustainable food systems and rural economies: key policy challenges for livestock and aquaculture production**  
**Lennox Room**

This panel will discuss the policy issues constraining efficient, ethical and safe production of animal-source foods (ASF) and aquaculture and their contribution to sustainable nutrition security in resource-poor settings. It will look at what needs to be done to enhance appropriate ASF and aquaculture production and its ready availability to vulnerable groups in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Chair: Robyn Alders, Senior Scientific Advisor, Centre for Global Health Security

Controlling aquatic animal disease is vital to global nutrition security  
Ingo Ernst, President, OIE Aquatic Animal Health Commission and Director, Aquatic Pest and Health Policy, Animal Division, Department of Agriculture

Anticipating the future to design effective livestock policies  
Wantanee Kapravidh, ECTAD Project Regional Manager, Food and Agriculture Organization

The quest for policy and public expenditure opportunities to support implementation of sustainable livestock and aquaculture interventions  
Robyn Alders, Senior Scientific Advisor, Centre for Global Health Security

Better understanding the role of policy in raising the profile of smallholder livestock systems in human health and nutrition in low- and middle-income countries  
Anna Okello, Research Program Manager – Livestock Systems, ACIAR

11.00am  
**Panel 1g – Learning from South Korea: North Korea; concessional lending**  
**Griffin Room**

The Korean Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC) is Korea’s national association for international development and practitioners. Through a partnership with Devpolicy, funded by the Australia-Korea Foundation, leading Korean academics will provide unique insights into critical and emerging issues in international development. What are the implications for development cooperation of different trajectories for the future of North Korea? And what can Australia, which is planning to introduce loans into its aid program, learn from Korea’s longstanding program of concessional lending?

Chair: Heejin Lee, Director, Centre for Australian Studies, Yonsei University

North Korea from the perspective of development cooperation: opportunities and challenges  
Tae Yong Jung, Yonsei University; and Sung Gyu Kim, Director, International Development Research Center, Seoul National University Asia Center

Korea’s concessional ODA loans: trends and implications  
Donghun Kim, Director, Center for International Studies, Yonsei University

This session is co-hosted with the Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation with support from the Australia-Korea Foundation.
11.00am  Panel 1h – Scaling up  
Miller Theatre

Chair: Robin Davies, Head, Indo-Pacific Centre for Regional Health Security, DFAT

From pilots to scale: a story of Australian aid in Indonesia  
Byron Pakula, Team Leader – Aid Effectiveness, Clear Horizon; Fleur Davies, Assistant Secretary, DFAT; and Angelos Blackwood, Senior Consultant, Clear Horizon

Influencing and accountable governance to build resilience at scale  
Elsa Carnaby, Disaster Risk Reduction Adviser, Jayne Pilkington, Performance Analysis Lead, Charlotte Sterrett, Climate Change Program Adviser, and Liz Hogan, Program Learning Adviser, Oxfam Australia; and Julie Webb and Edward Boydell, Independent Consultants

Expanding community-based services for non-communicable diseases: the abundant health model in Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam  
Xuan Thuy Nguyen, Senior Program Manager – Abundant Health, Rebecca Dirks, Deputy Director – Program Sciences & Technical Support, and Megan Averill, Senior Technical Adviser, FHI360

From innovation to scale and impact: factors influencing adoption of health interventions initiated by FHI360 in the Asia-Pacific region  
Amy Weissman, Technical Director – Health and Nutrition, Asia Pacific, and Lauren Bader, Regional Program Manager, Asia Pacific, FHI360

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11.00am  Panel 11 – Indigenous languages in development
Seminar Room 7

UNESCO has designated 2019 the International Year of Indigenous Languages, acknowledging that language is “pivotal in the areas of human rights protection, good governance, peace building, reconciliation, and sustainable development.” This panel will discuss the importance of Indigenous languages for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, illustrated through projects from Australian and international contexts.

Chair: Hilary Smith, Honorary Affiliate, College of Arts and Social Sciences, ANU

Indigenous languages and wellbeing
Hilary Smith, Honorary Affiliate, College of Arts and Social Sciences, ANU; Carmel O’Shannessy, Lecturer, School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics, ANU; Inge Kral, Researcher and Lecturer, and Denise Angelo, PhD Candidate, College of Arts and Social Sciences, ANU; and Jane Simpson, Chair of Indigenous Linguistics and Deputy Director, ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language, ANU

Digital cultural practice: engaging indigenous young people in Malaysia
Inge Kral, Researcher and Lecturer, ANU

12.30pm  Lunch

1.30pm  Panel 2a – Using a gender lens to influence impact finance in our region
Molonglo Theatre

This panel will review and reflect on the on-the-ground experience of using a gender lens in the impact investment ecosystem in Asia and the Pacific.

Chair: Amy Haddad, Assistant Secretary and Principal Gender Specialist, Gender Equality Branch, DFAT

Discussants:
Joy Anderson, President and Founder, Criterion Institute
Amanda Jupp, Facility Manager, Pacific RISE
Sally Moyle, CEO, CARE Australia
Will Scott-Kemmis, Design Lead, SecondMuse (Frontier Innovators and Incubators)
James Soukamneuth, Impact Investing Partnership Director, Investing in Women

1.30pm  Panel 2b – Aid as a soft power asset
Weston Theatre

Against the backdrop of the Australian Government’s soft power review, this panel will discuss the strategic benefits of aid. It will explore the relationship between aid and diplomatic relations, trade, security, influence and reputation, and debate the merits of framing the benefits of aid in security and strategic language.

Chair: Dane Moores, Senior Economic Development Policy Adviser, World Vision Australia
Discussants:

Andrew Byrne, First Assistant Secretary, Soft Power, Communications and Scholarships Division, DFAT

Andrew Campbell, CEO, ACIAR

Byron Pakula, Team Leader – Aid Effectiveness, Clear Horizon

Bridi Rice, Director of Policy and Advocacy, ACFID

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1.30pm  
**Panel 2c – Can Australia champion disaster risk reduction? Sendai, the Asia Pacific and 2020**  
Barton Theatre

This panel will examine progress towards the implementation of the Sendai Framework’s goal of reducing disaster risk and losses in lives and livelihoods, particularly in the Asia Pacific region. It will examine Australia’s leadership of the Ministerial Platform and the opportunities for meaningful change that the 2020 platform might afford.

Chair: Elsa Carnaby, Disaster Risk Reduction Adviser, Oxfam Australia

Discussants:

Jamie Isbister, First Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian, NGOs & Partnerships Division, DFAT

Robert Glasser, Honorary Associate Professor, ANU

Meimei Leung, Humanitarian Emergency Affairs Director, World Vision East Asia

John Richardson, National Resilience Adviser, Australian Red Cross

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1.30pm  
**Panel 2d – Pathways to peace in Southeast Asia**  
Acton Theatre

How can emerging international policy consensus and commitments to support locally-led conflict prevention be put into effect on the ground in Southeast Asia? In this session, panellists will frame their perspectives against recent reports: the World Bank-UN’s *Pathways for peace: inclusive approaches to preventing violent conflict* and The Asia Foundation’s *The state of conflict and violence in Asia*.

Chair: Thomas Parks, Thailand Country Representative, The Asia Foundation

Discussants:

Sakuntala Akmeemana, Principal Specialist – Governance, Development Policy Division, DFAT

Sam Chittick, Country Representative – Philippines, The Asia Foundation

Suzanne Damman, Senior Program Manager, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

John Langmore, Professorial Fellow, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne
1.30pm  Panel 2e – Collaborative partnerships in health security surveillance and response
Brindabella Theatre

This panel will deliver findings on an assessment of system resilience to respond to emerging infectious disease threats, particularly in Solomon Islands. It will also provide results of decision support systems and a large sero-survey for vector-borne diseases conducted in Solomon Islands, and discuss projects on tuberculosis in Fiji and zoonoses in PNG.

Chair: Emma McBryde, Professor, James Cook University

Overview of the outcomes of the project: tropical partners in health security
Emma McBryde, Professor, James Cook University

Investigating the distribution and prevalence of important zoonotic diseases in PNG
Willie Pomat, Director, PNG Institute of Medical Research

Health research capacity-building models in the Asia-Pacific region
Maxine Whittaker, Dean, College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences, and Humpress Harrington, Adjunct Senior Lecturer, James Cook University

1.30pm  Panel 2f – Impact evaluations in PNG and the Pacific
Lennox Room

This panel will discuss the results of some of the most recent impact evaluations in the region, including the first two randomised control trials that have taken place. Panellists will provide an overview of the
impact of development programs they evaluate, which focus on community-driven development, financial inclusion, employment creation and post-disaster cash transfers. The panel will also discuss the prospects for further impact evaluations to be conducted in the region.

Chair: **Michelle Shepherdson, Assistant Director, Poverty and Social Transfers Section, Development Policy Division, DFAT**

Can vouchers reduce elite capture of local development projects? Experimental evidence from Solomon Islands  
**Pauline Grosjean, Professor, University of New South Wales**

An ex-post evaluation of the effectiveness of the horticulture project in the Marshall Islands (2011-2014)  
**Yan-Tzong Cheng, Junior Specialist, Research, Development and Evaluation Office, and Yun-Ching Tseng, Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund**

Taking financial access to remote and insecure areas: impacts of a comprehensive financial inclusion intervention in Papua New Guinea  
**Christopher Hoy, Research Associate, ANU**

Can public works programs reduce youth crime? Evidence from Papua New Guinea’s Urban Youth Employment Project  
**Darian Naidoo, Consultant, World Bank**

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**1.30pm  
Panel 2g – Local development in developing and developed countries  
Griffin Room**

This panel evaluates local development efforts, such as pursuing development plans and wrestling with the middle-income trap, for countries in Northeast Asia including North and South Korea, China, and Japan. It will shed light on promises and challenges of such efforts for developing and developed countries.

Chair: **Fiona Yap, Associate Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU**

A comparative study on the impact of housing factors on voting behaviours: evidence from the regional electoral politics of three Northeast Asian countries  
**Jaekwon Cha, Head, Research Institute for Regional Decentralisation and Development, and Hoyoung Chung, Graduate Student, Pukyong National University**

A GIS-based analysis of official development assistance of Korean local governments  
**Jung-Yoon Lee, Dean, Division of International Commerce, College of Business Administration, Pukyong National University and Jaeseong Anh, Associate Professor, Kyungil University**

Foreign direct investment in local areas and its impact on regional development: some lessons from Northeast Asian countries  
**Seonyoung Seo, Research Fellow, Research Institute for Regional Decentralisation and Development, and Beomjong Park, Research Fellow, Pukyong National University**

Local government institutions and sustainable economic development: exploring different political and administrative motivations  
**Geiguen Shin, Postdoctoral Research Associate, State University of New Jersey, and Byongkuen Jhee, Associate Professor, Chosun University**

Decentralisation and public trust in governments: a comparative study of Japan and South Korea  
**Jaekwon Suh, Associate Professor, Pusan National University, and Jaehyun Lee, Research Fellow, Chungnam National University**
1.30pm  
Panel 2h – Aid case studies I
Miller Theatre

Chair: Cate Rogers, Assistant Secretary, Development Policy and Education Branch, DFAT

Save the date: an evaluation of a child marriage program in Nepal
Maria Amigo, Academic Director, Professional and Community Engagement Team, Macquarie University

Thinking and working politically in the Vanuatu skills sector: supporting local leadership and building a political constituency for change
Julien Barbara, Senior Policy Fellow, Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU

Scholarships and their long-term outcomes on development
Daniel Edwards, Facility Manager and Research Director, Jo Doyle, Deputy Facility Manager and Research Fellow, and Amanda Taylor, Facility Research Officer and Research Fellow, Australian Council for Educational Research

Evaluating the Pacific Open Learning Health Net
Michele Rumsey, Director, Jodie Thiessen, Research and Development Manager, and Amanda Neill, Program Manager, WHO Collaborating Centre, University of Technology Sydney

3.00pm  
Afternoon tea

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Chinese development cooperation in Asia and the Pacific is growing rapidly. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), China’s massive connectivity and infrastructure program, is complemented by expanding partnerships with civil society, increased multilateral efforts through the United Nations and international financial institutions (such as AIIB), and the establishment of a dedicated development cooperation agency in 2018. In this keynote panel, Chinese experts will share their insights on the rationale, aspirations and challenges of Chinese development cooperation, particularly in relation to the BRI, responsible investment, the new development cooperation agency, and China’s engagement in the Pacific.

Chair: Anthea Mulakala, Director – International Development Cooperation, The Asia Foundation

Discussants:

Hongbo Ji, Country Representative – China, The Asia Foundation

Yujia Shen, Research Fellow, National Centre for Oceania Studies, Sun Yat-sen University

Jinghang Jia, Research Fellow, International Economics and Finance Institute, Ministry of Finance, China

Xiuli Xu, Vice Dean, China Institute for South-South Cooperation in Agriculture

Panellists representing leading global and regional evaluation efforts will share their insights on the use of evaluation as a key tool in improving the quality and effectiveness of development support. Evaluation feedback for effective accountability and learning will be discussed and debated, and insights and experiences from multilateral development banks will be highlighted.

Chair: Véronique N. Salze-Lozac’h, Deputy Director General, Independent Evaluation Department, Asian Development Bank

Discussants:

Robert Christie, Assistant Secretary, Office of Development Effectiveness, DFAT

Emmanuel Jimenez, Executive Director, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation

Syurkani Ishak Kasim, Chair – Development Effectiveness Committee, Asian Development Bank

Jyotsna Puri, Head, Independent Evaluation Unit, Green Climate Fund

This keynote panel will highlight the need for an increased focus on mental health and psychosocial disability within the disability-inclusive development agenda, and provide some best-practice examples and learnings for development practitioners.

Chair: Teresa Hall, Research Fellow, University of Melbourne
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Discussants:

Becca Allchin, FaPMI Coordinator, Monash University

Aleisha Carroll, Disability Inclusion Advisor, CBM Australia

Bhargavi Davar, Asia Pacific Representative, Transforming Communities for Inclusion

Helen Fernandes, Principal Investigator – Effectiveness Team, TEAR Australia

5.00pm Close

6.30pm Drinks
University House courtyard

7.00pm Conference dinner
Great Hall, University House

Celebration of 2018 Aid Profiles
Presentation of the 2019 Mitchell Humanitarian Award

The Mitchell Humanitarian Award recognises Australians and others supported by Australian aid who have made an outstanding contribution to the cause of international development. Read profiles of the award shortlist at devpolicy.org/aidprofiles.
Since 2013, the Australian government’s commitment to aid spending has declined, with the aid budget reaching record lows as a percentage of gross national income. This decline has occurred despite the ongoing efforts of aid advocates, raising questions about the efficacy of current advocacy approaches. There is renewed interest in understanding, for example, the role advocacy campaigns can play in driving aid policy change, how (and at whom) to most effectively target aid advocacy efforts, and the role public attitudes play in shaping aid spending decisions. This panel brings together researchers who have recently published articles addressing these questions.

Chair: Marion Stanton, Head of Government Relations, Save the Children Australia

Discussants:

Benjamin Day, Associate Lecturer, Department of International Relations, ANU

Christopher Hoy, Research Associate, ANU

Joanna Spratt, Advocacy and Campaigns Director, Oxfam New Zealand

Tamas Wells, Research Fellow, Policy Hub, University of Melbourne

Terence Wood, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU

Working with and through Christian churches can be key to effectively challenging underlying belief systems and enabling transformative change. This panel will review a range of experiences which speak to the need to include theological approaches that establish all people as equal in relevant development contexts.

Chair: Jane Kennedy, Associate Director – Asia and Africa, UnitingWorld

Cultivating peace, resilience and equality in a conflict-prone multi-faith context

Jeny Elna Mahupale, Chairperson and Project Manager, Sagu Salempeng Foundation, Gereja Protestant Maluku

Engaging Biblical theology for social justice and human rights in Indonesia

Henrietta Lebang, President, Communion of Churches Indonesia
Working with and through churches to support empowerment of marginalised groups as a minority faith in a multi-faith context

Debora Murthy, South-East Asia Regional Coordinator (Bali), Uniting World

8.00am  
**Panel 3c – Tracking progress on World Humanitarian Summit commitments in the Pacific**  
Barton Theatre

This panel will explore current approaches, including from a Pacific perspective, to measuring progress and creating an evidence base to track progress on localisation and other commitments made at the World Humanitarian Summit. Discussion will include a focus on sharing learning, as well as exploring progress on the commitments, findings from the localisation demonstrator missions from the Australian Red Cross and DFAT, and regional measurement processes from PIANGO and the Humanitarian Advisory Group.

Chair: Emele Duituturaga, Executive Director, Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Organisations

Discussants:

Linda Kenni, Regional Advisor - Pacific, Humanitarian Advisory Group

Josaia Jirauni, Policy and Research Officer, Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO)

Fiona Tarpey, Head of Influence and Advocacy, International Programs, Australian Red Cross

Grace Asten, Program Manager, Anglican Overseas Aid

8.00am  
**Panel 3d – Strengthening local-level women’s leadership for policy change: evidence from Indonesia**  
Acton Theatre

MAMPU is the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality. This panel will feature key partners of MAMPU – Indonesian civil society organisations that champion women’s issues – and discuss their strategies and approaches and the role of aid.

Chair: Amy Haddad, Assistant Secretary and Principal Gender Specialist, Gender Equality Branch, DFAT

Discussants:

Dina Lumbantobing, Consortium Coordinator, PERMAMPU (Women’s NGO Consortium, Sumatra)

Kate Shanahan, Team Leader, MAMPU

Nani Zulminarni, Executive Director, Program Kepala Keluarga (Pekka) (Female-headed Households Program)

8.00am  
**Panel 3e – Impact of technology on developing Asia**  
Brindabella Theatre

Rapid advances in technology, including mobile communication, artificial intelligence, robotics, big data, psychographics, and biotech, are fundamentally changing economic, political, social, and security conditions in the Indo Pacific region. This panel will discuss the impact all this is having on developing countries, and adjustments needed in development policy and practice.
8.00am Panel 3f – Water, food, energy and climate – the importance of integrated policy and programming approaches
Lennox Room

Food, water and energy security, influenced by climate change, is a major challenge. Development programming and policy remains siloed, affecting development interventions. This panel provides examples of how the water, food, energy, climate nexus has been used in policy and programming, and suggests steps to incorporate nexus thinking and practice.

Chair: Bob McMullan, Chair, Australian Water Partnership Advisory Committee

Discussants:
- Jody Swirepik, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, Department of Environment
- Clare Walsh, Deputy Secretary – Global Cooperation, Development and Partnerships Group, DFAT
- Mario Herrero, Chief Research Scientist, CSIRO Agriculture and Food
- Alice Chapple, Head of Development Impact, Private Infrastructure Development Group

8.00am Panel 3g – NGOs and volunteers
Griffin Room

Chair: Paul Bird, CEO, AVI

Saviour mentality or victor mentality – what are we doing here?
Adam Everill, Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, and Jacqui Joseph, Co-Founder and CEO, Equal Playing Field

The view from below: is it good when NGOs come to your village?
Emily Graham, PhD Candidate, Swinburne University of Technology

Empowerment and injury: experiences of women volunteers in community development in Indonesia
Tanya Jakimow, Senior Lecturer, University of New South Wales
Panel 3h – Aid case studies II
Miller Theatre

Chair: Danielle Heinecke, Acting First Assistant Secretary, Aid Management and Contracting Division, DFAT

How did this happen? Disaster risk reduction and disability in Gaibandha, Bangladesh
Presenter: Janice Lucas, Senior Program Advisor – Program Development, CBM Australia
Authors: David Brown, Senior Program Advisor – Program Development, CBM Australia; Manuel Rothe, Senior Humanitarian Specialist, CBM Switzerland; and Oliver Neuschafer, Emergency Coordinator, CBM Germany

Applying contribution analysis theory to answer an important question: was the ten-year primary health care strengthening program in Western Province, Papua New Guinea effective?
Fiona Mactaggart, Monitoring and Evaluation Manager, Jane Seok, Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Officer, Dominica Abo, Consultant, and Geoffrey Miller, Technical Director, Abt Associates

Increasing aid effectiveness through youth-led evaluation: a Cambodian case study
Rebecca Stark, Cambodia Program Director, Edith Fahey, Cambodia Partnership Manager, and Benjamin Sullivan, Education Program Officer, Oaktree
9.40am  
**Keynote address – Contemporary challenges in development finance: are we heading for a new debt crisis, and other questions**  
Molonglo Theatre

Chair: Chris Tinning, First Assistant Secretary and Chief Economist (Development), Multilateral Development and Finance Division, DFAT

Masood Ahmed, President, Center for Global Development

This keynote address will discuss growing debt in low-income countries, and ask whether we are heading for another debt crisis. Is it different from the debt crisis 20 years ago? What is driving debt growing in low-income countries? Is it China? What can be done to reduce the risk of a crisis? What policy could limit the possibility of a prolonged crisis?

10.30am  
**Morning tea**

11.00am  
**Panel 4a – Informing policy to end poverty**  
Molonglo Theatre

This panel will explore the role of research, cross-sector collaboration and communication in efforts to eradicate poverty. Beginning with the Individual Deprivation Measure Program’s contribution to new ways of thinking about poverty measurement, audience experiences will enable wider discussion on successes, challenges and learning towards the goal of ending poverty.

Chair: Amy Haddad, Assistant Secretary and Principal Gender Specialist, Gender Equality Branch, DFAT

Research as a foundation for innovation and change in poverty measurement and action  
Sharon Bessell, Co-Director, ANU-IDM Program, ANU

From critique to change: the role of civil society organisations in new approaches to measuring poverty  
Jo Crawford, Knowledge Translation, Policy Advocacy and Strategic Engagement, IDM Team, International Women’s Development Agency

Government as partner and enabler: an overview of DFAT’s role in anti-poverty policy and interventions  
Cate Rogers, Assistant Secretary, Development Policy and Education Branch, DFAT

11.00am  
**Panel 4b – Monitoring and evaluation**  
Weston Theatre

Chair: Robert Christie, Assistant Secretary, Office of Development Effectiveness, DFAT

Knowledge brokering as a mechanism for influencing policy: a realist synthesis of DFAT evaluations  
Jo Hall, PhD Candidate, ANU

M&E in an insurgency – remote monitoring of the aid program in Afghanistan  
Ulla Keech-Marx, Performance and Gender Specialist, Pakistan and Afghanistan, and Sarah Ransom, Assistant Director, Afghanistan Development, DFAT

“No plan survives contact with the enemy” – monitoring, learning and evaluation in complex and adaptive programming  
Damien Sweeney, Principal Consultant, and Byron Pakula, Team Leader – Aid Effectiveness, Clear Horizon
11.00am  **Panel 4c – Blockchain technology field pilots**  
*Barton Theatre*

This panel will discuss the results of blockchain technology field pilots, which seek to assist individuals globally who lack access to a legal identity, financial inclusion and operational efficiency. It will share insights including the process of collaboration with the civil sector and technology partners and the role of aid and development organisations.

Chair: **Nick Byrne, Co-founder, Type Human**

Discussants:

*Elsa Carnaby, Disaster Risk Reduction Adviser, Oxfam Australia*

*Fabiano Franz, Country Director, World Vision Timor-Leste*

*Amanda Robinson, Head of Social Innovation, Australian Red Cross*

*Nick Williams, Co-founder, Sempo*

11.00am  **Panel 4d – Health systems strengthening: training the global anaesthesia and surgical workforce**  
*Acton Theatre*

This panel will examine the challenges and threats of strengthening the anaesthesia and surgical workforce in our region, including costs, standards, certification, career pathways and task sharing.

Chair: **Kirstie MacGill, Fellow, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons**

Discussants:

*Glenn Guest, Fellow, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons*

*Suzi Nou, Vice-President, Australian Society of Anaesthetists*

*David Pescod, Council Member, World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists*

11.00am  **Panel 4e – Issues in Australian aid**  
*Brindabella Theatre*

Chair: **James Gilling, First Assistant Secretary, Pacific Bilateral Division, DFAT**

Managing three aid facilities: lessons from the field

*Lavinia Tyrrel, Senior Policy Adviser, and Tara Davda, Policy Adviser – Governance, Abt Associates*

A case study of kaizen: the Australian NGO Cooperation Program

*Heather Fitt, Assistant Director, NGO Programs, Performance and Quality, DFAT*

Architect of decline: the institutional architecture of OECD donors and its relevance to the Australian context

*Andrew Johnson, Independent Consultant*
11.00am  
Panel 4f – Issues in humanitarian aid  
Lennox Room

Chair: Jamie Isbister, First Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian, NGOs & Partnerships Division, DFAT

The responsibility to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence in disasters and crisis  
Priyanka Bhalla, GBV Adviser, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;  
Veronica Bell, Head of International Technical Services, and  
Leda Tyrrel, Technical Lead – Protection, Gender and Inclusion, Australian Red Cross

Drawing on our diversity: humanitarian leadership  
Kate Sutton, Director, and Seeta Giri, Regional Adviser, Humanitarian Advisory Group; and Fanny Berg, Independent Consultant

Role of stakeholders in response to the Rohingya influx in Bangladesh  
Raisa Rasheeka, Lecturer, and Jessica Tartila Suma, Lecturer, Independent University of Bangladesh

Moving beyond business-as-usual funding for recurrent issues: emerging lessons from Somalia  
Megan Williams, Senior Humanitarian Policy Adviser, and Christine Lindell, Grant Acquisition and Design Specialist, World Vision Australia

11.00am  
Panel 4g – Aid, reform and development in the energy sector  
Griffin Room

This panel explores a range of topics of relevance to the energy sector in developing countries, including  
cross-country comparisons of the impact of foreign aid on energy consumption; renewable energy
development in India and Indonesia; and improved cookstove adoption in Kenya and Bangladesh.

Chair: Matthew Dornan, Deputy Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU

Overcoming barriers to solar and wind energy adoption in India and Indonesia
Paul Burke, Associate Professor, Jinnie Widnyana, Grand Challenge Fellow, Zeba Anjum, Grand Challenge Fellow, Emma Aisbett, Senior Research Fellow, Budy Resosudarmo, Professor, and Kenneth Baldwin, Professor, ANU

Preferences for improved cooking stoves in the south-west region of Bangladesh
Debasish Das, Postgraduate Student, University of Queensland and Md. Mehedi Hasan, Masters Candidate, Khulna University

Money’s too tight (not) to mention – barriers to the adoption of modern cookstoves
Edwina Fingleton-Smith, PhD Candidate, ANU

Foreign aid and household energy consumption and access in developing countries: evidence from cross-section analysis
Sabit Otor, Research Associate, and Paul Burke, Associate Professor, ANU; and Matthew Dornan, Deputy Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU

11.00am
Panel 4h – Aid and the private sector
Miller Theatre

Chair: Jonathan Pryke, Director, Pacific Islands Program, Lowy Institute

Social enterprises in development policy: trendy or transformative?
Babita Bhatt, Lecturer, ANU

Market smart social protection – combining the best of market systems and social protection approaches in thought and deed
Alwyn Chilver, Director, Economic Growth, and Lewis Brimblecombe, Manager, Economic Growth, Palladium

Gender and private sector engagement in challenging environments
Linda Jones, Vice-President – Partnerships and Innovation, and Jennifer King, Senior Program Manager, MEDA

Trade vs health in the Pacific? Elevating the voice of health in intersectoral policymaking in Fiji and Vanuatu
Dori Patay, PhD Candidate, Sharon Friel, Director, Susan Sell, Professor, and Ashley Schram, Research Officer, School of Regulation and Global Governance, ANU; and Jeff Collin, Professor, Social Policy School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh

12.30pm
Lunch

1.30pm
Panel 5a – Community-driven development: a reality check
Molonglo Theatre

This panel will reflect upon the community-driven development (CDD) model, its uses, limitations and recent critical publications, focusing on the key question of whether it is the best way to put aid funds, whether grants or loans, to use.
Panel 5b – Partnerships in transdisciplinary research for food and nutrition security
Weston Theatre

This panel will discuss the experiences, challenges and opportunities associated with partnership models and transdisciplinary research for food and nutrition security. It will situate current experiences in light of broader global human and environmental challenges, and identify the opportunities that food investment presents for achieving global development goals.

Chair: Federico Davila, Research Principal – Food Systems, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney

Agricultural aid effectiveness for smallholder farmers in Lao PDR
Kim Alexander, Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, Garry Greenhalgh, Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, and Silva Larson, Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, James Cook University; Magnus Moglia, Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO; Phomma Thammavong, Senior Lecturer, National University of Laos; Manithaythip Thephavanh, PhD Candidate, Adelaide University; Silinthone Sacklohkham, Director, and Phonevilay Sinavong, Senior Manager, SEAMEO Regional Centre for Community Education Development; and Peter Case, Professor, James Cook University

Transdisciplinary research for food and nutrition security: experiences from work in Africa and Southeast Asia
Federico Davila, Research Principal – Food Systems, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney

Informing agricultural adaptation through mapping knowledge networks: a PNG case study
Tom Sloan, Executive Manager – Research, Sustineo

Adapting food systems to phosphorus and climate vulnerability in Sri Lanka
Elsa Dominish, Senior Research Consultant, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney

Panel 5c – Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse in the aid sector
Barton Theatre

This panel brings together key players in the Australian aid sector to discuss best practice to approach the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse in the sector, as well as safeguarding issues. It will also provide a platform for organisations to learn from and share their approaches and experiences.

Chair: Kate Sutton, Director, Humanitarian Advisory Group
Discussants:

Juliette Brassington, A/g Assistant Secretary, Aid Risk Management and Fraud Control Branch, DFAT

Sarah Burrows, Director – Development Effectiveness, ACFID

Rosie Wheen, CEO, WaterAid

Thida Seng, Head of Operations, WaterAid Australia

Maaike Moller, Forensic Physician, Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine

1.30pm
Panel 5d – Catalysing change through women’s movements; evidence from the Pacific
Acton Theatre

There is growing evidence that supporting women’s groups, organisations, networks and movements is the most effective way to bring about gender equality. Women’s funds are seen as flexible, responsive and accessible mechanisms for supporting women’s groups and networks to advance gender equality. Global women’s movements have recommended over time that channelling funding to women’s rights organisations and women’s funds is the most sustainable way of ensuring gender equality. Bringing together three diverse women’s rights funders, this panel will focus on the role of aid in supporting vibrant and dynamic women’s movements in the Pacific in order to catalyse transformative change for gender equality.

Chair: Yoshiko Yamaguchi, Member, Pacific Women Advisory Board

Discussants:

Virisila Buadromo, Co-lead, Urgent Action Fund for Women’s Human Rights Asia and Pacific

Michelle Reddy, Fund Manager, Fiji Women’s Fund

Bronwyn Tilbury, Senior Program Manager, International Women’s Development Agency

1.30pm
Panel 5e – Migration
Brindabella Theatre

Chair: Henry Sherrell, Senior Researcher, Parliamentary Library

Too close to ignore: the asymmetrical effects of a hardening PNG-Australian border
Mark Moran, Program Director, Jodie Curth-Bibb, Teaching and Research Fellow, and Kevin Murphy, Research Associate, Institute for Social Science Research; Jennifer Corrin, Law School, University of Queensland, and Geoff Miller, Independent Health Consultant

The calculus of risk and the calculus of vulnerability: the complex algebra of migrants, their intermediaries and migration policies
Bina Fernandez, Senior Lecturer, University of Melbourne

The internal brain drain: foreign aid, hiring practices and international migration
Nicolas Lemay-Hébert, Senior Lecturer, ANU; Louis Hers Marcelin, Chancellor, Interuniversity Institute for Research and Development; Stephane Pallage, Dean, Business School, University of Quebec; and Toni Cela, Country Coordinator, Interuniversity Institute for Research and Development
1.30pm  
Panel 5f – Chinese development cooperation  
Lennox Room

Chair: Jane Golley, Acting Director, Australian Centre on China in the World, ANU

Analysing Pacific debt: how significant is China?  
Matthew Dornan, Deputy Director, and Rohan Fox, Research Officer, Development Policy Centre, ANU

Borrowing from Beijing: aid and development implications for PNG and the Pacific  
Sarah O’Dowd, Honours Candidate, ANU

Demystifying China’s international development cooperation agency  
Denghua Zhang, Research Fellow, Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU

1.30pm  
Panel 5g – Collaborative development  
Griffin Room

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

ICT contexts and situated practice: the fundamental contributions of ICT to CSO accountability  
Caitlin Bentley, Research Fellow, SAI Institute, ANU
How to collaborate with Pacific churches for development research
*Rebekah Cochrane, Consultant, and Philippa Smales, Network and Partnership Manager, Research for Development Impact Network*

A faith-based approach to reducing family violence in Vanuatu: counselling skills and men’s behaviour change program
*Fiama Rakau, Faith and Engagement Mentor, Amelia Greaves, Senior Program Manager (REACH) and Safeguarding Focal Point, and Amanda Tavoa, Men’s Behaviour Change Facilitator, World Vision Vanuatu*

1.30pm  **Panel 5h – Public-private partnerships**  
**Miller Theatre**

*Chair: Sarah Pearson, Chief Innovation Officer and Chief Scientist, innovationXchange, DFAT*

Encouraging the private sector's role in achieving universal health coverage through development partners’ funding  
*Syed Zulfiqar Ali, National Team Leader, Oxford Policy Management*

Shared value – a new and better way to enable private sector partnerships for development  
*Paul Bird, CEO, AVI*

Donor approaches to private sector engagement  
*Jeremy Stringer, Assistant Director, Private Sector Development, DFAT*

Public-private partnerships – working at the coal face with African governments to truly break the cycle of poverty  
*Cassandra Treadwell, CEO and Founder, So They Can*

3.00pm  **Afternoon tea**

3.30pm  **Plenary session – Debating Australian aid**  
**Molonglo Theatre**

*Chair: Anthea Mulakala, Director – International Development Cooperation, The Asia Foundation*

**2018 Stakeholder Survey**  
*Terence Wood, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU*

The aid stakeholder survey is a tool designed to obtain feedback on the effectiveness of the Australian aid program and provide suggestions for its improvement. The survey targets NGOs and development contractors that are familiar with and involved in the delivery of Australian aid, and is also made available online for other interested aid stakeholders to complete. In this session, the 2018 Stakeholder Survey report will be launched and results from the 2013, 2015 and 2018 surveys compared.

**From grants to loans**  
*Stephen Howes, Director, and Matthew Dornan, Deputy Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU*

The Australian Government has recently announced the creation of an Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP), as well as additional funding for Efic. This session will launch a new policy brief from the Development Policy Centre on the issues and options that these announcements raise.
Discussants:

Joanne Choe, Regional Manager – Pacific, Cardno

Marc Purcell, CEO, ACFID

Clare Walsh, Deputy Secretary – Global Cooperation, Development and Partnerships Group, DFAT

Closing remarks by Clare Walsh (Deputy Secretary – Global Cooperation, Development and Partnerships Group, DFAT) and Helen Sullivan (Director, Crawford School of Public Policy)

5.00pm

Closing reception
Crawford School courtyard
Workshop – Animal-source food, gender, sustainable food systems and facilitating policy frameworks

Convenors: Centre for Global Health Security, Chatham House; Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research; Development Policy Centre; Kyeema Foundation

This workshop aims to identify key policy constraints to and opportunities for efficient, ethical and safe production of animal-source food and aquaculture and their direct and indirect contributions to sustainable nutrition security in resource-poor settings.

Attendance by invitation only. Contact: robyn.alders@gmail.com.

2019 Aid Supplier Conference

Convenor: DFAT

The third annual Aid Supplier Conference will highlight partnerships in aid development procurement and policy. The event will create a forum for a diverse group from the international aid and development community to share ideas and insights.

Registration required. Contact: aidsupplierconference@dfat.gov.au.

Development Studies Association of Australia (DSAA) planning meeting

Convenors: DSAA

This planning meeting will constitute the Development Studies Association of Australia, covering matters such as incorporation and the establishment of a website.

RSVP required. Contact patrick.kilby@anu.edu.au for catering purposes, or for further information on membership.
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**Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)**

ACIAR is the Australian Government’s specialist agricultural research for development agency, within the Australian aid program. Since 1982, ACIAR has brokered and funded research partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region. Our purpose is to achieve more productive and sustainable agricultural systems for the benefit of developing countries and Australia through supporting international agricultural research and training partnerships. We work with public and private research institutions to improve the productivity and sustainability of agricultural systems and the resilience of food systems in partner countries. Improved technologies and practices identified and developed through ACIAR research programs often address the shared challenges of all farmers in the Indo-Pacific region, Australia included.

**Australian Volunteers Program**

For more than 60 years the Australian Government has supported thousands of skilled Australians to volunteer in developing countries. The Australian Volunteers Program matches a broad range of skilled Australians with partner organisations in the Indo-Pacific region, to support them to achieve their own development goals. The program is part of DFAT’s people-to-people program portfolio, and is managed by AVI in a consortium with Cardno and the Whitelum Group.

**Cardno**

Cardno is an international firm dedicated to the social, economic and physical development of communities. We engage in international development as a holistic, multidisciplinary and integrated process. Strengthened by our geographic and market diversity, we are committed to providing innovative and integrated solutions that create opportunities for significant, lasting change in emerging economies. Partnering with multilateral and bilateral donors, private clients, governments and communities to develop sustainable solutions to complex challenges, we work with local counterparts to achieve meaningful impact.

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)**

DFAT is the lead agency managing Australia’s international presence. It provides foreign, trade and development policy advice to the Australian Government and works with other government agencies to ensure that Australia’s pursuit of its global, regional and bilateral interests is coordinated effectively. DFAT manages a network of 100 overseas posts in five continents and has 6,264 staff located in Canberra, state and territory offices and overseas posts. The department’s purpose is to make Australia stronger, safer and more prosperous by promoting and protecting our interests internationally and contributing to global stability and economic growth, specifically in the Indo–Pacific region.
FHI 360

FHI 360 is a nonprofit human development organisation dedicated to improving lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions. Our staff includes experts in health, education, nutrition, environment, economic development, civil society, gender equality, youth, research, technology, communication and social marketing — creating a unique mix of capabilities to address today’s interrelated development challenges. FHI 360 serves more than 60 countries, including 13 with country offices in the Asia Pacific region.

Catalpa International

Catalpa International is a human-centred design organisation committed to better aid and development. We integrate technology and behavioural insights with locally-driven solutions to create lasting change. Our projects span education, health, nutrition, agriculture, environment, disability, labour market development and aid coordination. They’re designed to connect people, make information accessible, and nudge behaviours for social good. Most importantly, they help people make more informed decisions—whether that’s when to visit a medical clinic or where to direct aid funding. Catalpa’s team is interdisciplinary, with designers, engineers, researchers and sector specialists working across the entire life cycle of global development projects.

ChildFund Australia

ChildFund Australia is an independent and non-religious international development organisation that works to reduce poverty for children in many of the world’s most disadvantaged communities. ChildFund Australia directly manages and implements programs in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Vietnam, while also supporting projects delivered by partner organisations throughout Asia, Africa and the Americas.

Direct Impact Group

The Direct Impact Group is an independent international consultancy, specialised in creating and delivering the change needed to maximise social impact. We operate globally and support clients to develop their organisation, to engage in partnerships and to accelerate their impact in order to achieve the results they seek. Our experienced team members have track records in creating social impact. They know from first-hand experience in non-profit organisations, as well as businesses, what it means to turn strategic ideas into transformative change within a disruptive environment. Our interventions are designed to get to the heart of the issue and deliver clean, simple solutions. Our approach is simple, effective and field-tested with more than 40 clients in 22 countries.

Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney

Institute for Sustainable Futures at the University of Technology Sydney is a university research institute that creates change towards sustainable futures by conducting independent project-based research. The Institute’s researchers and professional staff, who come from a variety of backgrounds, are able to deliver independent and practical solutions to suit the needs of a diverse range of clients.

University House

University House, the ceremonial heart of Australia’s National University, is a boutique hotel with a university vibe. Set in the tranquil grounds of ANU, next to the city’s stylish New Acton precinct, University House is truly one of Canberra’s unique locations and experiences. Guests and visitors experience the benefits of a boutique hotel with immediate access to the rich cultural and intellectual life of ANU.
THE DEVELOPMENT POLICY CENTRE

ABOUT US

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 global development policy.

We were established in September 2010 and are based at Crawford School of Public Policy in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific at The Australian National University. We are currently a team of about fifteen full-time equivalent researchers and program staff. We also benefit from the participation of several Visiting Fellows and interns. The Centre is also the hub of a large network of Associates, and home to several PhD students.

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 now established as Australia’s most active online forum for discussion on aid and development policy.

THE ASIA FOUNDATION

ABOUT US

The Asia Foundation is a non-profit international development organisation committed to improving lives across a dynamic and developing Asia. Working through our offices in 18 countries and informed by deep local expertise and six decades of experience, we address the critical issues affecting Asia in the 21st century by: strengthening governance, expanding economic opportunity, increasing environmental resilience, empowering women, and promoting international cooperation.

Headquartered in San Francisco, The Asia Foundation works through a network of offices in 18 Asian countries and in Washington, DC. Working with public and private partners, the Foundation receives funding from a diverse group of bilateral and multilateral development agencies, foundations, corporations, and individuals. In 2018, we provided $82.9 million in direct program support and distributed textbooks and other educational materials valued at $10.4 million.
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