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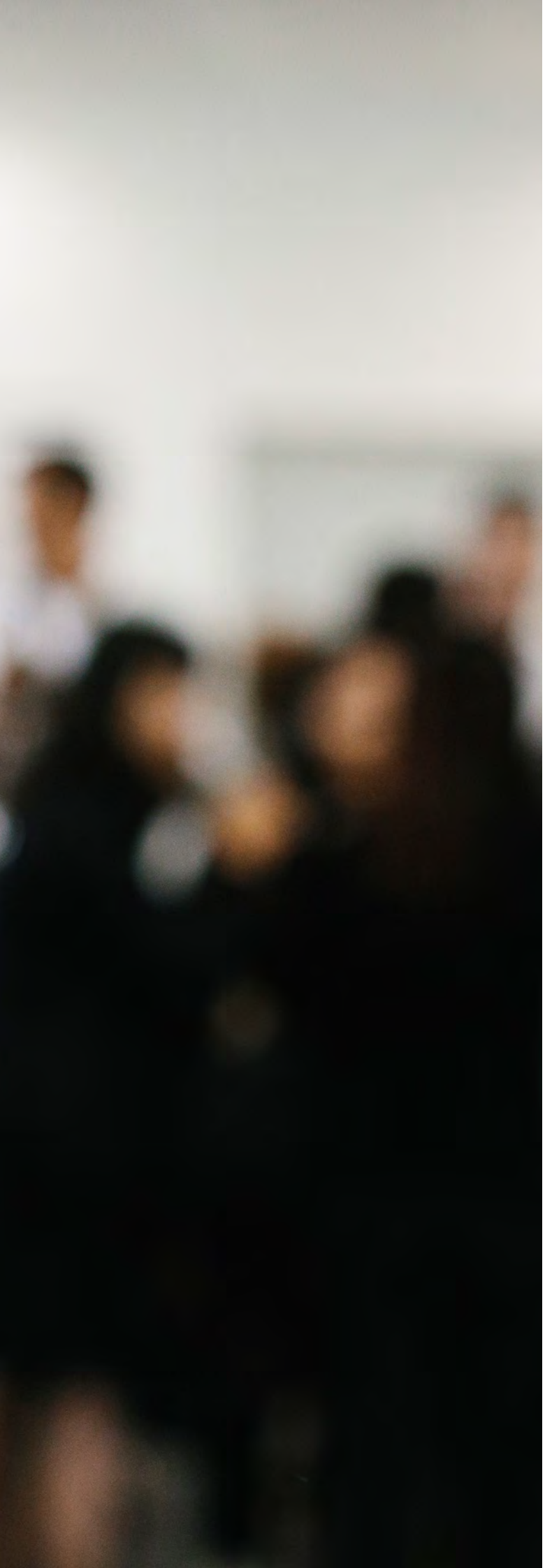

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Welcome to the 2022 Australasian AID conference.

We are excited to bring the region's aid and development community together in person again for our eighth AAC. The conference brings together researchers and development practitioners from Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Island countries, Asia, and beyond, who are working on aid and international development (AID) policy issues, to share insights, discuss issues, propose solutions, promote collaboration, and help connect the research community.

We hope you enjoy the conference over the next few days, and we look forward to hearing your ideas and joining the conversations.

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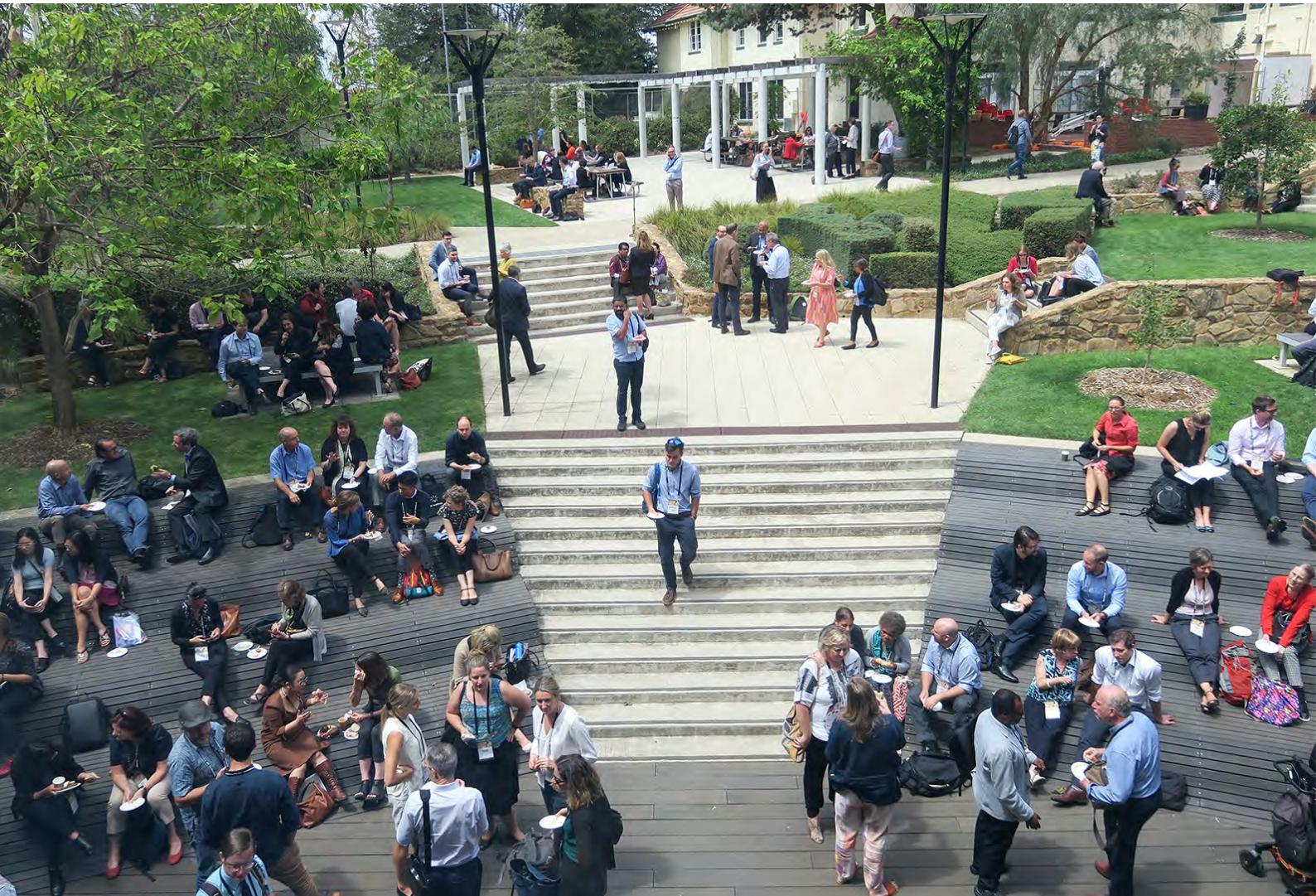

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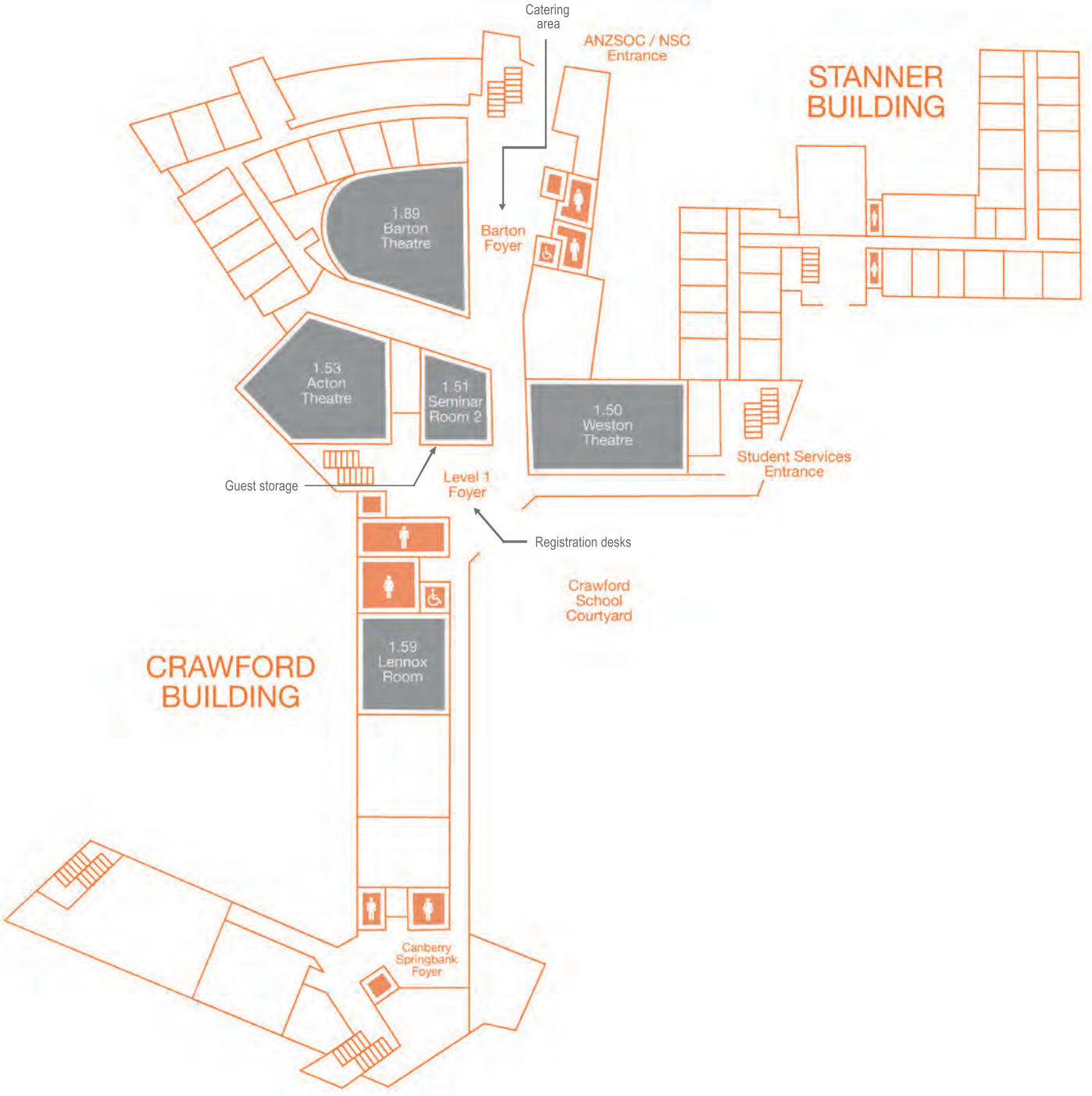

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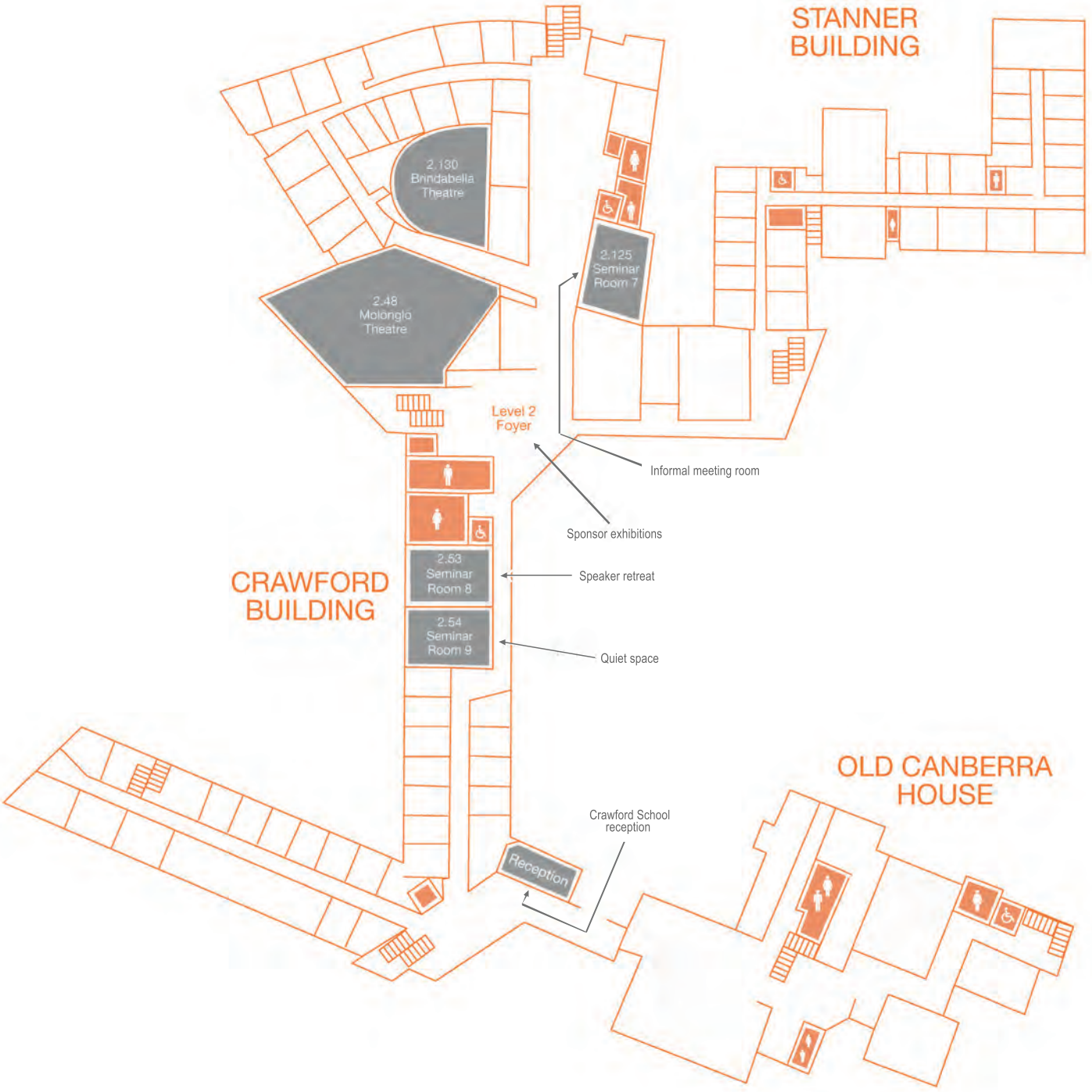

MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER | PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

2.00-3.10pm	**Publication launch – 'GovAsia: Resilient Civic Spaces in Low and Middle-income Countries in South Asia'** *Barton Theatre*	**Publication launch: 'Climate Risk and Water Security in the Indo-Pacific: Risks, Responses, and a Framework for Action'** *Weston Theatre*
3.10-3.30pm	**Afternoon tea**	
3.30-4.40pm	**Publication launch: 'Revitalising Cambodia: Sustaining Development after COVID-19'** *Barton Theatre*	**Publication launch: '2022 State of the Humanitarian System'** *Weston Theatre*
4.40-5.00pm	Tea/coffee break	
5.00-6.00pm	**Keynote address: 'Is there a role for aid in messy places?'** Stefan Dercon, Professor of Economic Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, and author of 'Gambling on Development: Why some countries win and others lose' [online] *Molonglo Theatre**	
6.00pm	**Opening reception** *Crawford School courtyard*	

**Session will be livestreamed*

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER | DAY ONE

7.30am	**Registration; tea and coffee** *Barton Theatre foyer*
8.15-8.30am	**Conference introduction** *Molonglo Theatre* [Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]*
8.30-9.15am	**Opening address** Hon Pat Conroy MP, Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Australian Government *Molonglo Theatre* [Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]*
9.15-9.30am	Short break

9.30-11.00am	**Panel 1a** Regional development and Australia's interests *Molonglo Theatre**	**Panel 1b** The what, why and how of results-based financing *Weston Theatre*	**Panel 1c** Behavioural science: approaches and impact in development programs *Barton Theatre*	**Panel 1d** Aid effectiveness: complexity, systems, and change *Acton Theatre*	**Panel 1e** Climate risk integration: a new era for aid and development programming *Brindabella Theatre*	**Panel 1f** Private sector development: Pacific and donor perspectives *Lennox Room*
11.00-11.30am	Morning tea					
11.30am-12.30pm	**2022 Mitchell Oration: 'Enough is enough: audaciously decolonising the development and humanitarian nexus'** 'Ofakilevuka Guttenbeil-Likiliki, Director of the Women and Children Crisis Centre Tonga *Molonglo Theatre* [Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]*					
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch					
1.30-3.00pm	**Panel 2a** Governance and Asia's climate and environmental challenges *Molonglo Theatre**	**Panel 2b** Chinese development cooperation: trends and implications *Weston Theatre*	**Panel 2c** The lost years: remote learning, disrupted schooling and disability *Barton Theatre*	**Panel 2d** Localisation in the Australian aid program: implementation perspectives *Acton Theatre*	**Panel 2e** Gender and budget support in the Pacific *Brindabella Theatre*	**Panel 2f** Inclusive development: states, sponsors, and diversity *Lennox Room*
3.00-3.30pm	Afternoon tea					
3.30-5.00pm	**Panel 3a** Opportunities for feminist foreign policy in the Indo-Pacific *Molonglo Theatre**	**Panel 3b** Australian support for access to pandemic medicines *Weston Theatre*	**Panel 3c** Digital development: new frontiers, enduring barriers *Barton Theatre*	**Panel 3d** Social protection in Southeast Asia and the Pacific *Acton Theatre*	**Panel 3e** Are we there yet? Localisation, reform, and accountability in humanitarian action *Brindabella Theatre*	**Panel 3f** Health: investments, innovations, and impact *Lennox Room*
5.00pm	Close					
5.45-6.30pm **6.30pm**	**Pre-dinner drinks** (ticket holders only) *Garden of Australian Dreams, National Museum of Australia* **Conference dinner** (ticket holders only) Speaker: **Adil Najam**, Trustee of The Asia Foundation, and Dean Emeritus and Professor of International Relations and Earth & Environment, Boston University *Peninsula Room, National Museum of Australia*					

**Session will be livestreamed*

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER | DAY TWO

8.30am	**Registration; tea and coffee** *Barton Theatre foyer*					
9.00-10.30am	**Panel 4a** Great debate: 'geopolitical competition is good for aid' *Molonglo Theatre**	**Panel 4b** Monitoring, evaluation, and learning: portfolios, organisations and individuals *Weston Theatre*	**Panel 4c** Development architecture, concessional financing, and sustainability in an era of crisis *Barton Theatre*	**Panel 4d** Women's economic empowerment in Southeast Asia *Acton Theatre*	**Panel 4e** Local leadership and change: perspectives from Indonesia and the Pacific *Brindabella Theatre*	**Panel 4f** Pacific labour mobility: impact and inclusion *Lennox Room*
10.30-11.00am	*Morning tea*					
11.00am-12.30pm	Panel 5a The new debt crisis? *Molonglo Theatre**	**Panel 5b** Disability inclusive development: new research and practice insights *Weston Theatre*	**Panel 5c** Food security and rural development *Barton Theatre*	**Panel 5d** Gender equality as transformative development and humanitarian practice *Acton Theatre*	**Panel 5e** Issues in service delivery *Brindabella Theatre*	**Panel 5f** Research, learning and development policy *Lennox Room*
12.30-1.30pm	*Lunch*					
1.30-3.00pm	**Panel 6a** Indigenous voices in development: current perspectives and future directions *Molonglo Theatre**	**Panel 6b** Aid, conflict transformation and peacebuilding in the Indo-Pacific *Weston Theatre*	**Panel 6c** How do we best serve the missing middle? Lessons from small business programs in Myanmar and Ghana *Barton Theatre*	**Panel 6d** Ex-post evaluation and the development effectiveness challenge: examples from rural development *Acton Theatre*	**Panel 6e** Infrastructure and gender equality: worlds apart or closer than we think? *Brindabella Theatre*	**Panel 6f** Education: inclusion, intersectionality, and resilience *Lennox Room*
3.00-3.30pm	Afternoon tea					
3.30-5.00pm	**KEYNOTE PANEL** **The state of Australian aid: transparency, public opinion, and a new international development policy** **3MAP (3-minute aid pitch)** *Molonglo Theatre* [Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]*					
5.00pm	**Closing reception** *Crawford School courtyard*					

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MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

2.00PM

Publication launch – 'GovAsia: Resilient Civic Spaces in Low and Middle-Income Countries in South Asia'

Barton Theatre

Drawing on findings from a mixed method survey of more than 96 civil society representatives in Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka, this issue of GovAsia seeks to outline the changing parameters of civic spaces, explore how different actors are responding to those changes, and identify opportunities that may exist for strengthening civic spaces in ways which promote democratic resilience and inclusive development.

Chair: Dr Nicola Nixon, Senior Director, Governance, The Asia Foundation

Publication launch – 'Climate Risk and Water Security in the Indo-Pacific: Risks, Responses, and a Framework for Action'

Weston Theatre

The risk of water insecurity is looming, globally as well as in the Asia-Pacific region. This scene-setting presentation will provide an overview of the Australian Water Partnership report showing that much of the risk assessment and policy responses so far have suffered from a focus on the biophysical relations between water and the climate, with limited efforts to explain how socio-cultural dynamics and climate impacts interact to produce water insecurity in specific localities.

Chair: Sarah Ransom, General Manager, Australian Water Partnership

3.10PM AFTERNOON TEA

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3.30PM

Publication launch – 'Revitalising Cambodia: Sustaining development after COVID-19'

Barton Theatre

Cambodia's development is at a crossroads. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cambodia's economic development strategy proved exemplary and achieved lower middle income country status in 2015. By 2020, however, Cambodia experienced its first recession in 30 years. This report from the Cambodia Development Resource Institute addresses how has the world and the region changed generally due to COVID-19 and in the post-pandemic context, what are the development implications for Cambodia, and how can it continue to succeed and revitalise its development model to achieve both rapid and higher quality development.

Chair: Dr Eng Netra, Director, Cambodia Development Resource Institute

Publication launch – '2022 State of the Humanitarian System'

Weston Theatre

ALNAP's State of the Humanitarian System (SOHS) report is an independent longitudinal study that synthesises evidence to assess how well the humanitarian system meets the needs of people affected by crises. The last edition of the SOHS charted a three-year period during which the humanitarian system made a set of high-profile commitments to change via the World Humanitarian Summit and the Grand Bargain. In the 2022 edition, these high-level intentions were stress-tested against the realities of implementation as they faced both the constraints of the humanitarian system and the challenges of turbulent crises – not least the COVID-19 pandemic. This launch will interrogate some of SOHS 2022's key themes that are pertinent to the Asia-Pacific region.

Chair: Dr Juliet Parker, Director, Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action

4.40PM TEA/COFFEE BREAK

5.00PM

Keynote address [online]

*Molonglo Theatre**

'Is there a role for aid in messy places?'

Stefan Dercon, Professor of Economic Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, and author of *Gambling on Development: Why some countries win and others lose*

Chair: Rod Brazier, Acting Deputy Secretary, Development and Multilateral Group, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

**Session will be livestreamed*

6.00PM

Opening reception

Crawford School courtyard

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER | DAY ONE

7.30AM REGISTRATION

8.15AM

Conference introduction

*Molonglo Theatre**

Welcome

Beth Orton, Manager, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Opening remarks

David Arnold, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Asia Foundation

** Session will be livestreamed*

8.30AM

Opening address

Molonglo Theatre [Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]*

Hon Pat Conroy MP, Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Australian Government

Chair: Professor Helen Sullivan, Dean, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University

9.15AM SHORT BREAK

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Panel 1a – Regional development and Australia's interests

*Molonglo Theatre**

Growing strategic competition with China, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and shifts in global economy, including the rapid advance of 4IR, are all creating new challenges for aid strategy. The session will explore different perspectives on how national interests in the aid context are now being defined and prioritised, whether competing and sometimes contradictory national interest goals are being de-conflicted, whether and how articulations of national interest at the policy level are affecting aid allocations and aid programs on-the-ground, and what are the long-term risks of getting all this wrong.

Chair: William Cole, Senior Adviser, Program Strategy, The Asia Foundation

Panelists

Allan Gyngell, National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs

Jacqui De Lacy, Managing Director, Abt Associates

Dr Jennifer Gordon, Honorary Professor, Centre for Social Research and Methods, Australian National University

Richard Moore, Partner and Principal Strategist, Positive Influence

Panel 1b – The what, why and how of results-based financing: a DFAT perspective with a case study on Indonesia Roads Hibah (KIAT)

Barton Theatre

The panel will explore the topic of results-based financing and how incentive payments are used across different modalities, sectors, and countries to improve aid effectiveness and efficiency, and will cover the 'what, why and how' of performance-based financing, with reflections on tips and tricks on how to get the most out of this approach, along with a case study from DFAT's Indonesia infrastructure program showing how performance-based payments can work in practice.

Chair: Andrew Egan, Assistant Secretary, Development Performance and Advisory Services Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panelists

Kirsten Hawke, Lead Design Specialist, Development Performance and Advisory Services Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Ian Anderson, Consultant

Sam Porter, Counsellor (Economic), Australian Embassy, Jakarta [online]

Panel 1c – Behavioural science: approaches and impact in development programs

Barton Theatre

The panelists will discuss how to identify and select behaviours that will have impact; the context for behaviour change, including barriers and motivators; design of behavioural interventions; implementation of experiments to test behavioural approaches, including mixed method research with randomised controlled trials; evaluation of behavioural approaches; and scaling up of behavioural interventions and policy.

Chair: Dr Rory Gallagher, Managing Director Asia Pacific, Behavioural Insights Team

Panelists

Hasrina Muliawan, Accountability and Learning Officer, Siap Siaga, Australia-Indonesia Partnership in Disaster Risk Management

Amala Rahmah, Country Representative, Rutgers WPF Indonesia [online]

M. Ali Yusuf, Chair, Institute for Disaster Management and Climate Change (LPBI), Nahdlatul Ulama [online]

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Panel 1d – Aid effectiveness: systems, complexity, and change

Acton Theatre

KUWTC: How monitoring, evaluation and learning approaches can keep up with the complexity of systems change initiatives?

Abigail Perriman, Evidence, Learning and Impact Specialist, Moonshot Global

QualKit: creative and remote monitoring, evaluation and learning of gender equality and inclusion changes

Melita Grant, Research Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney, Stuart Raetz, Monitoring and Evaluation Manager, Water for Women Fund

Learning from systems change approaches to address complex development Issues

Denika Blacklock, Head of Knowledge, Performance and Learning, and Ancilla Bere, Provincial Coordinator, East Java, Australia Indonesia Partnership on Disaster Risk Management, Palladium

Chair: Dr Alwyn Chilver, Director, Economic Growth, Palladium

Panel 1e – Climate risk integration: a new era for aid and development programming

Brindabella Theatre

This session includes a diverse set of panelists who will represent a variety of perspectives and practical examples of how commitments on climate action are being met from across the development sector. Perspectives will be shared from backgrounds including gender and social inclusion, Pacific civil society organisations, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) sector, the Australia Pacific Climate Partnership, and broad reflections from an applied research perspective.

Chair: Dr Keren Winterford, Research Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney

Panelists

Dr Alison Baker, Fund Manager, Water for Women

Christine Lemau, Program Director, Adventist Development Relief Agency, Fiji

Dr Tazrina Chowdhury, Researcher, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney

Simon Wilson, Climate Change Specialist, Australia Pacific Climate Partnership

Panel 1f – Private sector development: Pacific and donor perspectives

Lennox Room

Partnering to enable Pacific trade

Andrew Piper, Team Leader PHAMA Plus DT-Global, Jenny Dunn, Director International Capacity Development, Australian Chief Plant Protection Office

Business Link Pacific: localisation and new opportunities from the pandemic

Sandra Mendez, Impact and Communications Manager, and Steve Knapp, Director, Business Link Pacific

The practice of public-private partnership in international aid through the ODA agency of Taiwan

Chien-Yao Tseng, Specialist, and Tsung-Hao Wang, Research Assistant, International Cooperation and Development Fund

Chair: Simon Cramp, Director, Private Finance for Climate and Development, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

11.00AM MORNING TEA

2022 MITCHELL ORATION

Molonglo Theatre [Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]*

'Enough is enough: audaciously decolonising the development and humanitarian nexus'

'Ofakilevuka Guttenbeil-Likiliki, Director of the Women and Children Crisis Centre Tonga

Chair: Stephanie Copus-Campbell, Chair, Southern Highlands Provincial Health Authority Board, Papua New Guinea

The Mitchell Oration lecture series was created in 2012 with support from the Harold Mitchell Foundation to provide a forum at which the most pressing development issues could be addressed by the best minds and most influential practitioners of the time. With topics ranging from the challenges of aid dependency and economic reform in Africa to the Pacific and Indonesia's new wave of economic change, this lecture series has established itself as one of the flagship events in the development arena.

** Session will be livestreamed*

12.30PM LUNCH

Previous Mitchell Orators (clockwise from top left): ***Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala****, 2017;* **Sir Richard Feachem***, 2018;* ***Dr Natalia Kanem****, 2019; and,* ***Dr Mark Dybul****, 2016.*

Panel 2a – Governance and Asia's climate and environmental challenges

*Molonglo Theatre**

This panel will examine governance approaches currently used to address key issues of transboundary water resources management, sustainable energy development, climate change, and forest resources management, and then draw upon these experiences to examine the critical role of good governance in helping countries address these urgent issues.

Chair: Kim DeRidder, Regional Director, Environment and Climate Action, The Asia Foundation

Panelists

Nandita Baruah, Country Representative, India, The Asia Foundation

Nguyen Tri Thanh, Program Specialist, Environment and Climate Change, Vietnam, The Asia Foundation

Rahpriyanto Alam Surya Putra, Deputy Director, Environmental Governance Program, Indonesia, The Asia Foundation

Winston Chow, Chief of Party, Mekong Safeguards Program, The Asia Foundation

Panel 2b – Chinese development cooperation: trends and Implications

Weston Theatre

Amidst tense geopolitical competition and contestation, development cooperation is increasingly leveraged as a soft power tool. In recent years, China has sought to communicate a more public development cooperation narrative, articulated through its three white papers (2011, 2014, 2021) and most recently the Global Development Initiative (GDI). What is the GDI, why has it emerged, and where does it sit amongst the various strands of China's global engagement? This panel will discuss the new and ongoing trends in Chinese development cooperation, and their implications for Australia, partner countries, and the future of development cooperation.

Chair: Professor Jane Golley, Arndt-Corden Department of Economics, Australian National University

Panelists

Cheng Chwee Kuik, Professor in International Relations, Head, Centre for Asian Studies, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies, National University of Malaysia

Zha Daojiong, Professor of International Political Economy, School of International Studies, Peking University [online]

Anthea Mulakala, Senior Director, International Development Cooperation, The Asia Foundation

Denghua Zhang, Research Fellow, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University

Panel 2c – The lost years: remote learning, disrupted schooling and disability

Barton Theatre

This panel presentation explores what happened to the students in Fiji and Indonesia with disability; students who were told to go online to continue their schooling but who did not have access to appropriate technology. Were these students forgotten entirely? What learning took place during periods of lockdown? What lessons can be learnt from such experiences? While this presentation focuses on Fiji and Indonesia, it largely reflects the experiences of nearby Pacific and Asian nations and others where access to technology is a barrier to inclusion.

Chair: Setareki Macanawai, Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Disability Forum [online]

Panelists

Sereana Kunadua, Teaching Assistant, Lautoka School for Special Education, Fiji

Sri Sukarni, Chair, Himpunan Wanita Disabilitas (Women with Disability Group), Indonesia [online]

Ben Clare, Disability Education Specialist, Exemplar International

Panel 2d – Localisation in the Australian aid program: implementation perspectives

Acton Theatre

This panel will explore some of the practical issues of localisation that have been faced by implementing contractors of the Australian Aid program with a view to informing the future development of the Australian Government's localisation agenda. The panel will discuss three main challenges with localisation, which relate to: the capacity of local organisations to deliver, risk and accountability, and design and contracting.

Chair: Andrew Egan, Assistant Secretary, Development Performance and Advisory Services Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panelists

Anna Winoto, Indonesia Country Representative and Strategic Adviser, Abt Associates

Fremden S. Yanhambath, Director, Vanuatu Skills Partnership

Barbara Brezger, Director International Business Development, Moerk Water Solutions

Ratna Kreshtiana, Partnerships Operations Manager, Australia Indonesia Partnership for Justice 2

Dr Bernadette Whitelum, Director and Chief Executive Officer, Alinea Whitelum

Panel 2e – Gender and budget support in the Pacific

Brindabella Theatre

Budget support is certainly not a new modality, but the scale and velocity of its current use is a pivot in Australia's aid approach. As such, it is critically important to consider the gendered aspects of budget support. A new paper considers how budget support has been used to progress gender equality objectives and identifies issues and opportunities around embedding gender in budget support operations. This panel will highlight the paper's key findings and recommendations and respond and contextualise the research within DFAT's broader gender agenda in the Pacific.

Chair: Sarah Goulding, Assistant Secretary, Gender Equality Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panelists

Mereseini Rakuita, Principal Strategic Lead, Pacific Women, Pacific Community

Bob Warner, Consultant

Jane Bastin-Sikimeti, Director, Pacific Gender Section, Office of the Pacific, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panel 2f – Inclusive development: states, sponsors and diversity

Lennox Room

Citizen wellbeing in hybrid regimes

Dr Robert Hortle, Senior Consultant, Sustineo

'You can't change the world, but you can change the life of this child': child sponsorship and the tension between charity and justice

Dr Alana Moore, Visiting Fellow, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University

"Leave no one behind" or respect national ownership? Conflicting development cooperation norms about LGBT+ rights in hostile environments

Professor Stephen Brown, School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa

More than art and dance – opportunities for a First Nations approach to foreign policy

Alice Kemble, Community Development Lead, Equity Economics and Development Partners, Brian Stacey, Professor of Practice, First Nations Portfolio, Australian National University

Chair: Jessica Mackenzie, Director, Policy and Advocacy, Australian Council for International Development

3.00PM AFTERNOON TEA

** Session will be livestreamed*

Panel 3a – Opportunities for feminist foreign policy in the Indo-Pacific

*Molonglo Theatre**

This growing field demonstrates an increasing understanding that traditional approaches are inadequate to dealing with the profound shifts we are seeing in international relations. This panel will be a moderated discussion about what we can learn from the experience of countries which have already adopted a feminist foreign policy approach and incorporate that learning into ongoing and periodic development cooperation policy, process, and architecture.

Chair: Nandita Baruah, Country Representative, India, The Asia Foundation

Panelists

His Excellency Eduardo Patricio Peña Haller, Ambassador of Mexico

Ambika Vishwanath, Founder and Director, Kubernein Initiative, India

'Ofakilevuka Guttenbeil-Likiliki, Director, Women and Children Crisis Centre Tonga

Dr Andreas Radtke, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

Bettina Baldeschi, Chief Executive Officer, International Women's Development Agency

Panel 3b – Australian support for access to pandemic medicines

Weston Theatre

This panel will outline and critique Australia's role in the COVID-19 response in terms of supporting countries in the region to access diagnostics, vaccines, and treatments, and will include an analysis of our COVAX commitments, vaccine nationalism, vaccine donations and Australia's approach to the TRIPS waiver.

Chair: Dr Belinda Townsend, Research Fellow, Australian National University

Panelists

Associate Professor Deborah Gleeson, School of Psychology and Public Health, La Trobe University

Brigitte Tenni, PhD candidate, La Trobe University and Senior Technical Advisor, Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne

Dr Sun Kim, Director, Research Center on Global Solidarity, People's Health Institute, Korea [online]

Panel 3c – Digital development: new frontiers, enduring barriers

Barton Theatre

Reducing climate risks through innovative technologies that deliver multi-hazard early warning systems and community water supply monitoring and management

Craig McVeigh, Chief Executive Officer, Adam Smith, Chief Technical Officer, and Brandy Roberts, Business Development Manager, Similie

Beyond sticky floors: understanding behavioural barriers in using digital tools among women necessity business owners in Indonesia

Rizqi Ashfina, Researcher – Social Systems, Lia Purnamasari, Design Researcher, and Maesy Angelina, Social Systems Lead, UN Global Pulse – Pulse Lab Jakarta [online]

Developing an international public good – the benefits and pitfalls

Dr Michael Nunan, Chief Executive Officer, Beyond Essential Systems

Chair: Dr Adam Craig, Senior Lecturer, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of New South Wales

Panel 3d – Social protection in Southeast Asia and the Pacific

Acton Theatre

An unusual partnership: the pandemic, emergency aid and financial inclusion

Earla Kahlila C.Langit, Legal and policy adviser, The Philippines, Veron Requejo, Chief Legislative Officer, Senator Villanueva, Philippine Senate

Social protection and perceptions of state legitimacy in Timor-Leste

Dr Kate Pruce, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Birmingham

The Fiji cash assistance program: social protection lessons from Fiji

Archie Law, Director of International Programs, Save the Children Australia

Supporting a Pacific model of social protection for economic recovery and growth

Juliet Attenborough, Senior Social Protection Specialist, Partnerships for Social Protection

Chair: Julianne Cowley, Assistant Secretary, Pacific Development Branch, Office of the Pacific, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panel 3e – Are we there yet? Localisation, reform, and accountability in humanitarian action

Brindabella Theatre

As the pandemic took hold in early 2020 there was an expectation that it would catalyse change in the international humanitarian system, in the way that assistance is delivered, what is delivered and who delivers it. The hope was the pandemic would be the trigger to catalyse reform commitments into action. So where are we now? Has the momentum towards supporting locally led response continued? Has accountability to affected populations increased? The panel discussion will aim to surface examples of good practice and progress and new thinking about how to sustain and normalise these approaches.

Chair: Chris Roche, Professor of Development Practice, La Trobe University

Panelists

Fiona Tarpey, PhD Candidate and Head of International Advocacy, Australian Red Cross

Shedrick Singip, Independent Consultant, Papua New Guinea

Dr Elisabeth Jackson, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University

Panel 3f – Health: investments, innovations and impact

Lennox Room

Estimating the impact of child and maternal health investment options in the Asia-Pacific region

Dr Timothy Roberton, Associate Professor, and Dr Dani Barrington, Lecturer, University of Western Australia, Yvonne Tam, Senior Research Associate, Hannah Tong, Research Associate, and Dr Neff Walker, Senior Scientist, Johns Hopkins University

Public health law training programs: a powerful way to support sustainable development

Hayley Jones, Director, and Daiana Buresova, Regional Manager for the Pacific, McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer

Evaluation of supportive supervision to improve the quality of primary health care in Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu

Katherine Gilbert, Head of Health Systems, and Alison Macintyre, Senior Technical Advisor, Nossal Institute for Global Health, Dr Masoud Mohammednezhad, Lecturer, and Dr Gade Waqa, Lecturer, Fiji National University, Cormac Mercer, Technical Advisor, Fleur Smith, Senior Technical Advisor, and Clare Strachan, Principal Advisor, Nossal Institute for Global Health, Wendy Erasmus, Chief of Health, UNICEF Tanzania, Milysia Mereana Tubuna, Planning, Monitoring and Reporting Officer, UNICEF Pacific, Ali Safarnejad, Research and Evaluation Specialist, UNICEF Pacific and PNG

Chair: Camilla Burkot, Senior Technical Advisor, Global Health Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

5.00PM CLOSE

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Pre-dinner drinks

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Conference dinner

Peninsula Room, National Museum of Australia

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WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER | DAY TWO

8.30AM REGISTRATION

9.00AM

Panel 4a – Great Debate: 'geopolitical competition is good for aid'

*Molonglo Theatre**

Two teams comprising participants from Australia and the region will debate whether the renewed emphasis on aid and development that is accompanying intensified strategic competition can deliver for developing countries in the Indo-Pacific and their communities.

Chair: Stephen Dziedzic, ABC News Foreign Affairs (Asia Pacific) reporter

Panel 4b – Monitoring, evaluation, and learning: portfolios, organisations and individuals

Weston Theatre

Portfolios of development options: an approach to strategic ODA investments

Diastika Rahwidiati, Strategic Innovation Designer, Luca Gatti, Founder and Director, CHÔRA Foundation

The big picture versus the nitty gritty: how portfolio-level impact measurement is integral to evidence-based decision making by funders

Courtney Roberts, Managing Director, Moonshot Global

A qualitative comparative analysis (QCA) of research for development effectiveness: evaluation insights and organisational lessons

Professor Jeroen van der Heijden, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand School of Regulation and Global Governance [online], Bethany Davies, Research Manager for Portfolio Planning and Impact Evaluation, Ruby Annand-Jones, former Research Officer, and Kathryn Allan, former Research Officer, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, and PhD Candidate, Australian National University, Nicola Vernon, independent researcher

How international development volunteering shapes volunteers' personal and professional trajectories: evidence from a longitudinal field study of Australian Volunteer Program participants

Dr Anthony Fee, Senior Lecturer, University of Technology Sydney

Chair: Dr Cate Rogers, Assistant Secretary, Climate Resilience and Finance Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panel 4c – Development architecture, concessional financing, and sustainability in an era of crises

Barton Theatre

The post-COVID-19 global economic development situation is marked by crises in health, climate, security, risk of debt default, and strategic and technological impediments and has led to reviews of existing aid and financing options and their effectiveness in low-income countries. The panelists will present their take on the three challenges to the sustainability of public financial management reforms: ensuring sufficient domestic resource mobilisation to achieve development goals, maintaining debt sustainability when revenues fall short, and spending in a targeted and transparent way.

Chair: Jeff Singer, Senior Vice President, International Development, Nathan Associates

Panelists

Andrew Oaeke, Secretary of Treasury, Government of Papua New Guinea [online]

Dr Uzma Ashraf Barton, Principal Associate, Nathan Associates [online]

Alicia Robinson-Morgan, Managing Director, Africa, US Millennium Challenge Corporation [online]

Timothy Robinson, Principal Economist, Nathan Associates

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Panel 4d – Women's economic empowerment in Southeast Asia

Acton Theatre

Models for women's economic empowerment in Southeast Asia: lessons from seven years of Investing in Women

Andrew Rowell, Systems Strengthening Technical Lead, and Dr Julia Newton-Howes, Chief Executive Officer, Investing in Women

Engaging with private sector for women's economic empowerment: lessons learnt from Vietnam

Phuong Nguyen, PhD candidate, Massey University

Supporting women to benefit from bilateral trade

Amanda Robbins, Managing Director, Equity Economics and Development Partners

Chair: Dr Bernadette Whitelum, Chief Executive Officer, Alinea Whitelum

Panel 4e – Local leadership and change: perspectives from Indonesia and the Pacific

Brindabella Theatre

The idea that development requires the leadership of local actors working collectively to pursue social change is now well-accepted within the international development community. But leadership still tends to be understood within Western frameworks. In this panel, we draw on examples from Indonesia and the Pacific to examine how local actors understand and practice leadership and why it is important for donors to provide space for these actors to lead change processes in locally legitimate ways, even if this looks different to how things are done in the West.

Chair: Joanne Choe, Head of Program Quality and Gender, DT-Global Asia Pacific

Panelists

Dr Elisabeth Jackson, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University,

Dr Mema Motusaga, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development, Government of Samoa

Dr Aidan Craney, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University

Dr Gordon Nanau, Senior Lecturer, Politics and International Affairs, University of the South Pacific

Marlene Delisa, Assistant Program Manager, Justice Accountability and Subnational Programs, Australian High Commission, Papua New Guinea

Tony Hiriasia, PhD candidate, University of the South Pacific

Panel 4f – Pacific labour mobility: impact and inclusion

Lennox Room

The long-term PALM scheme triple win during the COVID-19 pandemic

Carli Shilito, Assistant Secretary, Pacific Labour Policy and Engagement, Office of the Pacific, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Safety and wellbeing of Pacific workers in Australia

Lindy Kanan, Senior Research Officer, and Dr Judy Putt, Senior Research Fellow, Australian National University

The gendered and social impacts of labour mobility in the Pacific

Dr Kirstie Petrou, Social Protection & Jobs Consultant, Ursula Casabonne, Consultant, Dr Dung Doan, Social Protection Economist, and Dr Matthew Dornan, Senior Economist, World Bank

Labour mobility, community perceptions and gender norms

Dr Ryan Edwards, Deputy Director and Senior Policy Fellow, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University

Chair: Dr Richard Curtain, Research Associate, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University

10.30AM MORNING TEA

Panel 5a – The new debt crisis?

*Molonglo Theatre**

COVID-19, climate change and the food and energy crisis are compounding fiscal and debt pressures in low and middle-income countries in Australia's region. This panel will explore the evolving debt situation in Sri Lanka, Laos, and the Pacific, responses from international financial institutions, private lenders and donors, and implications for the regional development finance landscape.

Chair: Roland Rajah, Lead Economist and Director, Indo-Pacific Development Centre, Lowy Institute

Panelists

Yolani Fernando, Institute of Development Studies, UK

Associate Professor Keith Barney, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Dr Neelesh Gounder, Senior Lecturer & Deputy Head (Research), School of Accounting Finance and Economics, University of the South Pacific

Panel 5b – Disability inclusive development: new research and practice insights

Weston Theatre

Mainstreaming disability issues in prison reform work: experiences and lessons-learned from the Australia Indonesia Partnership for Justice

Mohamad Doddy Kusadrianto, Director, Law Program, The Asia Foundation Indonesia, Eko Riyadi, Director, Center for Human Rights Studies of Islamic University of Indonesia

The case for disability inclusion in economic development: value for money evaluation of gender and disability inclusive economic development project in Sri Lanka

Dr Saba Mebrahtu Habte, Evidence Building Advisor [online], Viktoria Midelauri, ANCP Disability Advisor, World Vision Australia Prabani Perera, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Lead, World Vision Sri Lanka

Rethinking disability data in humanitarian shelter response

Dr Alex Robinson, Head Disability Inclusion and Rehabilitation, Nossal Institute for Global Health, Leeanne Marshall, Shelter Lead, International Programs, Australian Red Cross

Chair: Michaela Sargent, Chief Executive Officer, Exemplar International

Panel 5c – Food security and rural development

Barton Theatre

The business of food security in Indonesia: working with the private sector to increase smallholder productivity

Nina Fitzsimons, Chief Executive Officer, Australia Indonesia Partnership for Promoting Rural Incomes through Support for Markets in Agriculture

Transforming agrifood systems to promote inclusion, women's economic empowerment and climate resilience: evidence and lessons from the Asia-Pacific

Ellie Wong, Manager, Economic Empowerment team and Diana Johannis, Economic Development Advisor, World Vision Australia

Participation and agency in school garden food security interventions: comparing case studies from Kenya and Papua New Guinea

Graham J. Walker and Amy Vos, Australian National University, Kenneth Monjero, Fun and Education Global Network, Trudie Sikas-Iha, Morobe School Gardens Project, Robyn G. Alders, Honorary Professor, Australian National University

Exploring the potential for carbon trading in Papua New Guinea's smallholder coffee sector: institutional and governance considerations

Ellis Mackenzie, Research Consultant, Dr Matthew Allen, Principal Consultant (Research), and Isabel Bremner, Intern, Sustineo, Dr Rachel Friedman, Postdoctoral Fellow, and Dr Steven Crimp, Research Fellow, ANU Institute for Climate, Energy, and Disaster Solutions

Chair: Dr Robert Hortle, Senior Consultant, Sustineo

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Panel 5d – Gender equality as transformative development and humanitarian practice

Acton Theatre

Women's rights in Timor-Leste after independence, including economic inequality, political representation, domestic violence, and autonomy

Berta Antonieta Tilman Pereira, Researcher, feminist, and activist, Timor-Leste

Walking our talk – journey towards gender justice

Anila Schroers, Strategic Lead Gender Justice, Oxfam Australia

Gender equality as a transformative agenda

Dr Keren Winterford, Research Director, Jessica MacArthur, PhD Candidate, and Professor Juliet Willetts, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney

Women lead in emergencies

Sunita Maharjan, Gender and Protection Coordinator, CARE Bangladesh, Jill Aru, Program Manager Inclusive Governance, CARE International Vanuatu

Chair: Joanna Lindner-Pradela, Director, Knowledge Translation and Equality Insights, International Women's Development Agency

Panel 5e – Issues in service delivery

Brindabella Theatre

Results-based financing in education for subnational government and school administrators: conceptual framework and practical recommendations

Dr Arushi Terway, Senior Lead Research Associate, Private Sector Approaches, NORRAG

Upgrading informal settlements in Indonesia: using discrete choice experiments to understand resident priorities and taxpayer support

Dr Rohan Sweeney, Senior Research Fellow, Monash University, Jumriani Ansar, Assistant Professor, Universitas Hasanuddin

COVID-19 and the risks and opportunities in addressing the Pacific region's NCD burden through law: a spotlight on Fiji and Papua New Guinea

Daiana Buresova, Regional Manager for the Pacific, McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer

Chair: Michael Wilson, Group Chief Executive Officer, e-Water Ltd

Panel 5f – Research, learning and development policy

Lennox Room

Effective development policy for post-normal times

Dr Michael McAllum, Strategic Projects & Foresight Lead, CHÔRA Foundation, Adjunct Fellow, University of the Sunshine Coast

Engagement with emerging donors amid changing development landscape: analysis and implications for Korea

Dr Jisun Song, Assistant Professor, Korea National Diplomatic Academy

The influence of research on policy and programming: insights from bureaucrats and professionals in Australia's international development sector

Ujjwal Krishna, PhD Candidate, and Chris Roche, Professor of Development Practice, La Trobe University

Chair: Penny Morton, Assistant Secretary, Development Strategy Branch, Development Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

12.30PM LUNCH

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Panel 6a – Indigenous voices in development: current perspectives and future directions

*Molonglo Theatre**

This 'all-Indigenous' panel of international development professionals will share their perspectives on current and emerging issues, opportunities to inform future practice and approaches to increase Indigenous participation in development. A 'voice' for Indigenous Australians is a central focus of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and recognises the importance of Indigenous participation in policy making at all levels. However, conversations with First Nations Australians rarely inform our approaches in international development. Panelists will explore the establishment of an Office for Indigenous Engagement within DFAT and draw on their own experience from advising on Indigenous participation and inclusion through the Indigenous Diplomacy Agenda, Australian Volunteers Program and Partnerships for Infrastructure (P4I).

Chair: Jenna Hawes, Project Manager International Development, Ninti One

Panelists

Tony Kiessler, Managing Director and Principal Consultant, Akaltye

Braiden Abala, Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion Adviser, Partnerships for Infrastructure

Alice Tamang, Manager, Indigenous Programs, Australian Volunteers Program

Panel 6b – Aid, conflict transformation and peacebuilding in the Indo-Pacific

Weston Theatre

This roundtable brings together four experts with contemporary, grounded research and peacebuilding experience in the Indo-Pacific. The panelists will outline some of the most significant conflict risks for the region, and discuss the peacebuilding work ongoing and required for a more peaceful and prosperous future. Consideration will be given to the implications for aid donor countries to support peace initiatives, drawing from recent experience in Myanmar, the Philippines, Bougainville, and elsewhere.

Chair: Dr Tania Miletic, Senior Research Fellow and Assistant Director, Initiative for Peacebuilding, University of Melbourne

Panelists

Nathan Shea, Assistant Director, Conflict and Fragility, The Asia Foundation

Ciaran O'Toole, Director, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Department, Conciliation Resources

Dr Siad Darwish, Senior Associate, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects

Panel 6c – How do we best serve the missing middle? Lessons from small business programs in Myanmar and Ghana

Barton Theatre

In developing countries, poor access to finance remains the single largest constraint to the growth of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) which are the backbone of economic growth. This dampens demand for labour, stifles the creation of new jobs and weakens prospects for national and regional trade and growth. Small and growing businesses (SGBs) are a subset of MSMEs with significant potential and ambition to grow, thus providing an exponential return in terms of financial and social impact. This panel will discuss the state of the market for SGBs, innovative and sustainable finance solutions, and will focus on a recent project to provide loans linked with technical training and mentoring to SGBs in Myanmar and Ghana.

Chair: Dr James Gordon, Research Fellow, College of Business and Economics, Australian National University

Panelists

Clay O'Brien, Financial Inclusion Advisor, World Vision Australia

Arpita Pal Agrawal, Managing Director, M-CRIL [online]

Vincent Potier, Evidence Building Advisor, World Vision Australia

Dr Matthew Gamser, Chief Executive Officer, SME Finance Forum, International Finance Corporation [online]

Dr Jodi York, Principal, ImpactAbility Solutions, and Chief Impact Officer, Kilara Capital

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Panel 6d – Ex-post evaluation and the aid effectiveness challenge: examples from rural development

Acton Theatre

This panel brings together evaluation collaborators to discuss their experiences conducting ex-post outcome and impact evaluations that aim to meaningfully address questions of sustainability of project outcomes, scaling and diffusion of outcomes and the tangible difference that projects have made in partner countries. They will discuss the challenges of realising the promised value of this style of evaluation, how the sector can meaningfully address this gap in our collective practice and what processes and methods we should be investing in to do this.

Chair: Bethany Davies, Research Manager, Portfolio Planning and Impact Evaluation, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research

Panelists

Professor Gill Westhorp, College of Indigenous Futures, Education and the Arts, Charles Darwin University

Dr Jennifer Gordon, Honorary Professor, Centre for Social Research and Methods, Australian National University

Dr Alex Peralta, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Global Food and Resources, University of Adelaide

Monica van Wensveen, Development Research Broker, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

Panel 6e – Infrastructure and gender equality: worlds apart or closer than we think?

Brindabella Theatre

Given the dominance of men in infrastructure development, one could surmise that infrastructure development is at odds with the government's ambition to ensure that at least 80 per cent of Australia's aid investments address gender issues. This panel session aims to examine what is happening on the ground in infrastructure programs in the region, and provides case studies where gender issues feature highly and where approaches are helping to increase gender equality and address gender-based violence.

Chair: Sarah Goulding, Assistant Secretary, Gender Equality Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panelists

Dr Philip Martin, Director, Gender, Inclusion and Social Safeguards, Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Natalia Beghin, Senior Consultant, Alinea Whitelum

Belinda Bayak Bush, Senior Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion Adviser, Economic and Social Infrastructure Program, DT-Global

Dr Pallavi Mandke, Technical Director and National Lead, Social Sustainability, GHD

Panel 6f – Education: inclusion, intersectionality and resilience

Lennox Room

Universal secondary education, schooling, and women's empowerment: evidence from Uganda

Douglas Kazibwe, PhD Candidate, Deakin University, Dr Jinhu Li, Senior Research Fellow, Australian National University

Inclusion, intersectionality, and participation: a contextualised and sustainable model for gender, disability, and social inclusion in education in Kiribati

Tekaniri Kirata, Associate Lecturer Inclusive Education, Kiribati Teachers College, Nnenne Kanere, Inclusive Education Officer, Kiribati Ministry of Education, Teburantaake Kaei, Gender and Inclusion Officer, Dr Joanne Mosen, Disability Inclusion Advisor, and Dr Tanya Caufield, Gender and Social Inclusion Advisor, KEIP

Building resilient education systems: evidence from large-scale randomised trials in five countries

Claire Cullen, University of Oxford/Youth Impact, Noam Angrist, University of Oxford/Youth Impact/ World Bank, Micheal Ainomugisha, Building Tomorrow, Saipramod Bathena, Alokit, Peter Bergman, University of Texas Austin, Colin Crossley, Thato Letsomo and Moitshepi Matsheng, Youth Impact, Rene Marlon Panti, Innovations for Poverty Action, Shwetlena Sabarwal, World Bank, Tim Sullivan, New Globe

Chair: Belynda McNaughton, Senior Advisor – Education, Development Performance and Advisory Services, Program Enabling Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

3.00PM | AFTERNOON TEA

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER, 3.30PM

Keynote panel

Molonglo Theatre [Overflow: Weston Theatre and Barton Theatre]*

The state of Australian aid: transparency, public opinion, and a new international development policy

This panel will showcase three pieces of research on Australian aid. Researchers from the Development Policy Centre, Huiyan Liu and Dr Terence Wood, will discuss the findings from the 2022 Aid Transparency Audit and the Centre's recent work on public opinion about aid. Huiyan will talk about how Australian aid transparency has changed, and how it can be improved. Terence will talk about whether public opinion matters for aid policy, as well as recent unexpected trends in Australians' views on aid. Development Intelligence Lab Founder and CEO, Bridi Rice, will present results from a recent project surveying development thinkers in Australia and the region on the key questions facing the new development policy. Bridi will also touch on recent analysis into what the last 40 years of independent aid reviews can tell us about where the policy should focus its attention.

Chair: Dr Cameron Hill, Senior Research Officer, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University

Panelists

Huiyuan Liu, Research Officer, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University

Dr Terence Wood, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University

Bridi Rice, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Development Intelligence Lab

3MAP (3-minute aid pitch) with audience vote

Ashlee Betteridge, Better Things Consulting

Lautoa Faletau, Deloitte

Neal Forster, Consultant

Bianca Gay, Catalpa International

Clay O'Brien & Mark Ingram, Australian International Development Network/ Brightlight

Raphaël Merx, Catalpa International

Melody Zavala, The Asia Foundation

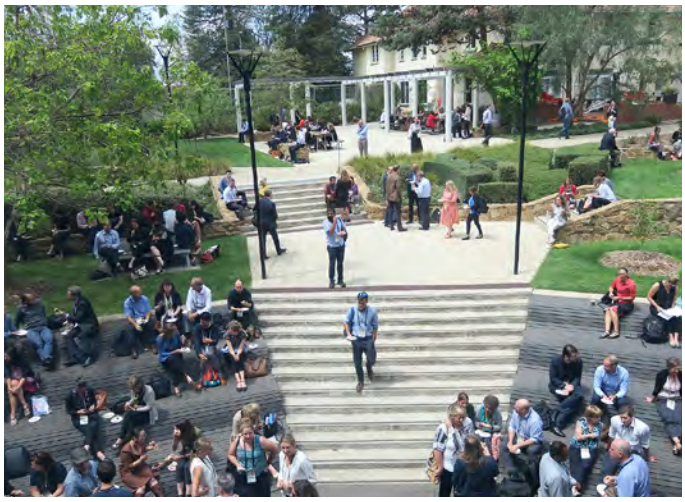
Closing remarks

Professor Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University

5.00PM

Closing reception

Crawford School courtyard



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Exemplar International (Exemplar) is an Australian owned International Development Organisation, working in genuine partnerships to implement programs that ensure the right of everyone to access quality and affordable healthcare. Through its programs, Exemplar strengthens health coverage and education that is inclusive, quality, affordable and addresses the effects of climate change. Exemplar's programs focus on people with disabilities, women, and girls.

Exemplar strives to be a trusted partner that provides measurable and impactful outcomes for communities, NGOs, governments, the private sector, investors, and funders.

What we do

Health

Working with Aspen Medical, a global provider of guaranteed, innovative, and tailored healthcare, Exemplar provides a range of health system strengthening support including:

- Public health
- Primary healthcare
- Humanitarian response
- Training (Registered Training Organisation)
- Deployable mobile hospitals
- Health procurement
- Advisory services

Disability inclusion

- Inclusive and equitable health systems
- Inclusive and equitable education systems
- Disability focused programming

Climate health

- Respiratory diseases
- Infectious diseases
- Mental health
- Heat related illness
- Malnutrition
- Water-borne diseases
- Vector-borne disease

KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG (AUSTRALIA)

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The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) is a German political foundation, with the vision to promote international dialogue, sustainable development, good governance, capacity building, regional integration and enhance understanding of the key drivers of global developments. It is named after the first Chancellor (Prime Minister) of the Federal Republic of Germany, Konrad Adenauer, who embodied Christian-social, conservative, and liberal traditions. His name represents the democratic rebuilding of Germany, reconciliation with France, the anchoring of German foreign policy in a trans-Atlantic community of values, a vision of European unity and Germany's orientation towards a social market economy.

German political foundations are unique throughout the world. The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung is associated with Germany's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party. Through its international activities and projects carried out in collaboration with local partners, KAS makes a substantial contribution to international cooperation, ensuring that Germany lives up to its growing responsibility in the world. Particularly in development policy, the aim of our work is to motivate and enable (young) people to shape their own future by strengthening democracy, the rule of law and promote the principles of a just social market economy. This includes capacity building in the areas of creating sustainable democratic structures, constitutional reform, as well as the support of human rights and peace processes.

NATHAN

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Nathan is a private international development, economics, and analytics consulting firm. For 75 years, Nathan experts have served as trusted partners, offering clients the analysis, technical advice, and strategies they need for sound decision-making. Nathan's clients include a range of public sector institutions, international donors, and commercial firms including US Agency for International Development, UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, Australia DFAT, US Millennium Challenge Corporation, US Development Finance Corporation, UK British International Investment, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the World Bank, and others. Our diverse international development portfolio includes more than 50 contracts valued at more than $350 million. Headquartered in Washington, DC with corporate offices in the UK and India, Nathan has project offices and long-term activities in more than 50 countries, including an extensive presence throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

Nathan's international development practice focuses on a wide range of technical areas aimed at achieving inclusive, sustainable, and resilient economic growth including Economic Engagement and Private Sector Development, Trade and Logistics, Structured Finance and Investment, and Economic Policy and Governance. We have unparalleled economic development expertise and thought leadership through relevant programmatic experience supported by qualified and knowledgeable in-house economists and subject matter experts in private sector development, economic policy, public financial management, international trade, business enabling environment, access to finance, private investment, transport and logistics, infrastructure development, ICT and digital connectively, and gender and social inclusion.

SIMILIE

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Similie is a tech company from Timor-Leste with a vision for a fairer, greener, and more conscientious world where everyone can reach their full potential. We offer innovative and world-class Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems for natural disasters, Water Monitoring Systems for water supply and water resources, and Personnel, Logistics and Assets Management Systems. Our tech connects data and people to accelerate digital transformation and improve the efficiency of how organisations deliver services. We do this by offering tools to simplify data, information and work processes into actions that impact people's livelihoods.

We are tech innovators who believe in tech for all. Our expertise in the corporate space and development sector, underpinned by a strong knowledge of emerging markets, are the catalyst for us creating affordable and easy-to-use tech solutions for all organisations. To learn more about our tech solutions, visit us at similie.org to book a demo.

SMEC

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International Development Specialists

Healthy, sustainable cities and communities

SMEC is a global engineering, management, and development consultancy, delivering advanced technical solutions for our clients and partners. We partner with governments, development agencies and communities to build institutional capacity and add strategic value right across the project life cycle. Our core markets include Transport, Water, Renewables and Urban infrastructure.

Across the world, SMEC has planned and implemented international development projects that spur inclusive economic growth, support sustainable development, and improve livelihoods. SMEC's International Development expertise spans the following areas:

- Physical Infrastructure
- Economic Governance and Public Sector Reform
- Social Development and Climate Resilience
- Program Management: Design, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Environmental and Social Advisory

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Our fast-growing platforms cut through the bureaucratic noise to deliver fresh and honest ideas, voices and solutions for development leaders. Our people are sharp, curious and collaborative.

Join us for the latest debates over on The Intel, where we pose one question a week that's bubbling away in the development community, with three short and sharp responses. Find the latest ideas over on The Pitch, a pipeline of practical ideas for policymakers. And keep an eye out for our signature Situation Room events which invite insightful conversation in off-the-record settings. Our analysis informs decision making for development leaders of Australian and regional organisations as well as governments near and far. Reach out if you want to collaborate at hello@devintelligencelab.com.

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