

Newsletter: PNG Update postponed | 2017 Aid Conference | Politics of development | Labor on aid | Humanitarian Summit



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2016 PNG Update postponed

Due to the recent student unrest at the UPNG campus and suspension of classes by the University Council, we are postponing the 2016 PNG Update. We anticipate that it will be held in mid-July. Watch the newsletter and our website for new dates.

2017 Australasian Aid Conference

The 2017 Australasian Aid Conference will be held on 15-16 February next year.

Our call for papers is now open: if you are working on aid or international development policy in all of its shades, [read the details](#) and consider submitting. The deadline for abstracts is October 1.

Going beyond 'politics matters' in international development

In the above-titled public lecture on Wednesday 6 July (12.30pm, Brindabella Theatre), Samuel Hickey, the Research Director of the Effective States and Inclusive Development (ESID) Research Centre and a Professor of Politics and Development at the University of Manchester, will present the findings of a five year research project on politics and development in Asia and Africa. [Register here](#).

Labor on aid

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An announcement from Labor's Tanya Plibersek last weekend gave us some indication of Labor's intentions regarding foreign aid if there is a change of government in July. Robin Davies [assessed](#) the announcement of an extra \$800 million over four years as an achievement but not enough to protect existing programs from future cuts. Former MP and Parl. Sec. for Aid Bob McMullan [welcomed](#) the development sector's engagement on influencing aid policy, and Mel Dunn [asked](#) why there was no mention of the private sector.

World Humanitarian Summit: the lead up and the outcomes

The big news in development during the past fortnight has been the World Humanitarian Summit taking place in Ankara, Turkey. One of the biggest spats in the lead-up was the news that Médecins sans Frontières would not be participating. In a blog post, MSF Australia Executive Paul McPhun [explained their decision](#) – which had been criticized the week prior [in a blog](#) by Darren Brunk of NZ's Council for International Development. Attendee list debates aside, Louise Searle of the Humanitarian Advisory Group found it was an event where small gains were carved out – [read her reflections here](#).

Upcoming events

Going beyond 'politics matters' in international development

Wednesday 6 July, 12.30pm, Brindabella Theatre. [Register here](#).

2016 PNG Update

POSTPONED. New dates soon. University of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby. [Details here](#).

2016 Pacific Update

18-19 July, University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji. [Details here](#).

Blog highlights

The [Paris Agreement](#) and the persistent developing-developed country divide

[Lessons](#) from indigenous affairs for development

Why is [sustainability](#) such a problem in aid, and how to improve it?

NZ's [aid increase](#) is less than it seems

On the blog

[Vale Ray Murray: capacity-builder without equal](#) by Gordon Peake

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The astounding increase in New Zealand aid, and other woes by Terence Wood and Jo Spratt

The long-term impact of aid by Ron Duncan

Are New Zealanders nicer when it comes to aid? By Terence Wood and Camilla Burkot

Post-summit takeaways on the 'Agenda for Humanity' by Louise Searle

How undifferentiated is the Paris agreement? By Stephen Howes

Policy-practice mismatches: insights from indigenous affairs by Michael Woolcock

Labor's aid pledge: a look in the gift-horse's mouth by Robin Davies

Let's abolish the fire brigade – why Médecins sans Frontières isn't at the World Humanitarian Summit by Paul McPhun

The curious case of sustainability by Robert Cannon

In brief

Fortnightly links: aid stinginess, neoliberalism, Vanuatu, Prof Jolie-Pitt, fairy dust financing, and more

'Outlawed and abused': human rights abuses against sex workers in PNG

ANU-UPNG partnership runs Writer's Workshop for upcoming PNG Update conference

Individual Deprivation Measure: short-term survey analysis opportunity

Aid commitments welcome

What about the private sector?

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