

# Newsletter: Australasian Aid Conference 2017 | Aid evaluation forum | Pacific Possible: labour mobility report, podcast and blog | UPNG update



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## **Australasian Aid Conference 2017 and keynote speaker**

We are pleased to announce Michael Woolcock as our first keynote speaker at the 2017 Australasian Aid Conference. Dr Woolcock works at the World Bank and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and is a leading advocate and researcher on the need for donors to rethink approaches to governance. He will speak on 'Now for the hard part: strategies for enhancing state capability for implementation'.

The conference will be held on the 15 – 16<sup>th</sup> February, and brings together researchers in the fields of aid and international development from Asia, Australia and the Pacific. Papers are invited on a range of topics related to aid and development. The closing date is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration details can be found [here](#) and the call for papers [here](#).

## **ODE aid evaluations: investing in teachers and learning from evaluations**

Devpolicy will partner with the DFAT Office of Development Effectiveness, ODE, for our next aid evaluation forum. The forum will discuss ODE's recent evaluation of teacher development, as well as their review of operational evaluations, and DFAT's new evaluation policy. The event will be held at 930 – 130 on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, in the Barton Theatre, ANU. Registration for the event can be found [here](#), and the report can be accessed [here](#).

## **Pacific labour mobility: worth 80% of Pacific GDP**

Our report with the World Bank [Pacific Possible: labour mobility](#) provides the first quantitative estimate of the value of labour mobility to Pacific islanders – 80% of Pacific GDP. There's plenty more in the report on labour mobility reforms and impacts. Read the blog [here](#), the report [here](#), and the podcast from our Canberra launch [here](#).

## **UPNG partnership update**

UPNG has announced the recommencement of the disrupted first semester on September 5<sup>th</sup>. We welcome two new ANU staff, Dr Lhawang Ugyell and Dr Marcel Schröder, to our partnership with UPNG, as lecturers in Public Policy and Economics (respectively), both now based in Port Moresby. We also farewell Michael Cornish, an associate lecturer in economics, and thank him for all his contributions over the last year and a half.

## **Upcoming events**

*ODE aid evaluations: investing in teachers and learning from evaluations*

2<sup>nd</sup> September, Barton Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Register [here](#).

*2016 PNG Update*

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

*Australasian Aid Conference 2017*

15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February, event details [here](#), venue details to follow.

## **Blog highlights**

[Can we believe SDG baseline data?](#)

Debating NZ aid predictability ([here](#), [here](#), and [here](#))

[Australia's declining support for Pacific adaptation](#)

## **On the blog**

[Labour mobility in the Pacific is worth 80% of Pacific GDP](#) by Stephen Howes, Richard Curtain, Matthew Dornan and Jesse Doyle

[A critic's guide to anti-corruption conferences](#) by Grant Walton

[The economic burden of physical inactivity in the Asia-Pacific](#) by Ian Anderson

## DEVPOLICYBLOG

Telecommunications regulation in Vanuatu – in conversation with Dalsie Baniala by Tess Newton Cain and Dalsie Baniala

Can the SDGs guide us to a ‘new economy’? by Terry Russell

Who gives aid for adaptation to climate change in Oceania? by Carola Betzold

Making hospitality work for urban PNG women by Michelle Nayahamui Rooney

Making education work for those who need it by Sheldon Shaeffer

Data and the SDGs: beyond self-assessment by Philippa Smales

The best laid plans of New Zealand aid budgets by Terence Wood and Jo Spratt

### **In brief**

Fortnightly links: banking and cash transfers, Angola, redistribution, and Rio 2016 by Terence Wood and Camilla Burkot

GE PNG emerging leaders fellowship opportunity by Ashlee Betteridge

What can global and pacific urban studies learn from each other? by Michelle Nayahamui Rooney

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