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### Now we are six

Devpolicy turns six this week, and we would like to thank you for your continued support. One milestone we have reached is the publication of more than 1,500 blogs since 2010. A quick reminder to our newer readers that we are always happy to receive submissions to the [Devpolicy Blog](#). Guidelines [here](#).

### New dates for the 2016 PNG update

The 2016 PNG Update will be held at the Waigani campus of The University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) on 3-4 November 2016. The annual PNG Update is the premier forum for the discussion of research and analysis relating to contemporary economic and public policy issues in PNG. Organised by UPNG's [School of Business and Public Policy](#) and Devpolicy, the 2016 PNG Update will feature keynote and plenary sessions on the post-boom PNG economy, gender issues, urban and infrastructure development, the private sector, health, education and development strategies, public-private partnerships, the impact of the drought, and more. Participation is free and open to the public. Details and a draft program are available [here](#).

### Aisiyiah: Australian aid and Indonesia's largest women's organisation

The second in our series of Aid Profiles is now online: two articles on Indonesia's longest-serving women's organisation, [Aisiyiah](#). [Part 1](#) profiles the organisation and its engagement with the Australian aid program. [Part 2](#) looks at the special support that Aisiyiah provided to the survivors of the 2004 bombing of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.

The [Aid Profiles](#) series shares stories that deserve to be better known and showcases international development contributions with an Australian flavour. It also forms a shortlist of nominees for the [2017 Mitchell Humanitarian Award](#) – we'll be publishing several more profiles in the coming months.

### AAC taking shape

The [Australasian Aid Conference](#) (AAC), to be held 15-16 February 2017, is taking shape with plenary sessions on re-thinking governance, re-shaping humanitarian aid, Asian approaches to the private sector

and development, and ideas for Australian aid. Parallel sessions will cover politics and development, poverty measurement, market development, labour mobility, and more. The deadline for proposals (for both papers and panels) has been extended by two weeks to October 16. Review the call for papers [here](#).

### **Engaging diasporas in development**

In a public forum co-hosted with Diaspora Action Australia and the Research for Development Impact Network on 29 September at 1pm, leaders in the field from the United Kingdom and Fiji will discuss how to engage diaspora communities in order to strengthen Australia's development and humanitarian response efforts. More details and registration [here](#).

### **Greg Taylor scholarship for Pacific and PNG scholars**

We are currently requesting expressions of interest from Pacific and PNG scholars interested in undertaking research at Devpolicy in 2016-17 for a period of up to 3 months. Applications are accepted from students already studying at the ANU or elsewhere in Australia, and from new and emerging scholars in the area of economics in the Pacific and PNG. The scholarships are made possible by a generous donation from an anonymous donor, and are named in honour of Greg Taylor AO. For details please visit our [website](#). Applications close October 17.

### **Upcoming events**

*Engaging diasporas in humanitarian response and economic development*

1–2pm, Thursday 29 September 2016, Brindabella Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Register [here](#).

*Strengthening public financial management reform in Pacific Island countries*

1–2.30pm, Monday 31 October 2016, Brindabella Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Register [here](#)

*PNG Update 2016*

3–4 November, Waigani Campus, UPNG, Port Moresby. Details [here](#).

*Australasian Aid Conference 2017*

15–16 February, Crawford School, ANU. Event details [here](#).

### **Blog highlights**

[PNG's spending squeeze](#)

[Combining kids with a career in development](#)

[Taxing backpackers fairly](#)

### **On the blog**

[Aid and Afghanistan's future](#) by Nematullah Bizhan and Ameen Habibi

[Global Fund round five: Australia keeping up](#) by Camilla Burkot and Ashlee Betteridge

[Urban politics in Melanesia: shallow roots](#) by Julien Barbara and Meg Keen

[PNG's discretionary expenditure crunch](#) by Stephen Howes and Rohan Fox

[Tuberculosis and the mystery of the invisible solutions](#) by Mary Moran

[How a boxer brought a new country together](#) by Sir Manasupe Zurenuoc and Felicity Herbert

[How much tax should backpackers pay?](#) By Stephen Howes

[Trials and tribulations of a development mum](#) by Lindy Kanan

[A reframed Pacific regionalism: rise of the foreign ministers](#) by Matthew Dornan and Tess Newton Cain

[How did PNG spend the resources boom?](#) By Stephen Howes and Rohan Fox

**In brief**

[Fortnightly links: RCT sceptics, cash + childcare, US-China trade, Global Fund, and more](#)

[A new RCT for PNG in the law and justice sector](#)

[Pacific and PNG Greg Taylor scholarship – call for expressions of interest](#)

[Effective Altruism Australia conference – videos online](#)

[Engaging diasporas in development](#)

[Aisiyah: 99 years of women's empowerment](#)

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