

Devpolicy News (August 1): 2014 aid & development policy workshop | Stakeholder survey | Debating value for money in aid and other events

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Australasian Aid and International Development Policy Workshop

February 13-14, 2014

Australian National University

In February 2014 the Development Policy Centre, together with the Asia Foundation, will be hosting the first [Australasian Aid and International Development Policy Workshop](#). The convenors of this multidisciplinary workshop, Professor Stephen Howes, Director of the Development Policy Centre at ANU and Dr Joel Negin, Senior Lecturer in International Public Health at the University of Sydney, welcome papers on a range of topics relating to aid effectiveness, the political economy of aid, aid from non-traditional donors, international public goods, the international development architecture, international climate change policy, and migration and trade.

Abstracts should be submitted to devpolicy@anu.edu.au. For more information, click [here](#).

The Australian aid stakeholder survey

The [Australian aid stakeholder survey](#) is our effort (as explained [here](#)) to obtain feedback on the effectiveness of the Australian aid program, and suggestions for its improvement. Whether you are involved in the aid program or simply interested in it, whether you live in Australia or overseas, and whether you are on the giving or the receiving end of the aid relationship, we are interested in hearing from you. The survey will be open until the end of August. Results will be released after the Australian federal election.

We have had over 200 responses to the survey so far. If you haven't participated yet, you can fill out the survey [here](#). It only takes about 15 minutes.

[Value for money in aid](#)

Tuesday 6 August @ 4-5.30pm

Weston Theatre, Level 1, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU

Aid agencies increasingly stress the importance of “value for money,” but what does this mean? Could a managerial focus on results actually undermine aid effectiveness, or simply result in aid confusion? Cathy Shutt from the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex and Russell McKay from GRM’s Effective Development Group will address this question from different perspectives. Register [here](#).

[Perspectives on Global Development 2013: industrial policies in a changing world](#)

Mario Pezzini, Director of the OECD Development Centre

Thursday 8 August @ 4-5pm

Molonglo Theatre, Level 2, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU

The renewed interest in industrial policy in developing countries poses new challenges and opportunities for policy makers. Mr Mario Pezzani, Director of the OECD Development Centre, will explore these issues in a lecture based on the 2013 report, *Perspectives on Global Development 2013: industrial policies in a changing world*. Register [here](#).

[Child protection in Afghanistan](#)

Kerry Boland, UNHCR and UNICEF consultant

Thursday 15 August @ 12.30pm

Brindabella Theatre, Level 2, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU

Kerry Boland, a consultant to UNHCR and UNICEF, and author of *Children on the Move*, about children of Afghan origin moving to western countries, will talk about her experience building formal and informal mechanisms for child protection in Afghanistan. Register [here](#).

Goals for people: a review of post-2015 proposals, and some suggestions

Robin Davies, Associate Director, Development Policy Centre

Thursday 29 August @ 12:30-1:30pm

Barton Theatre, Level 1, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU

Until recently, discussions on a new post-2015 framework to succeed the Millennium Development Goals mostly revolved around general principles or else very particular features of a possible landscape. Now, several proposals for an integrated post-2015 agenda have emerged. Most prominent among these is the illustrative framework offered by the UN Secretary-General’s High-Level Panel (HLP) of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Robin Davies will give a comparative assessment of the frameworks on offer, identify some pervasive defects, and suggest ways of repairing these. For more information contact us [here](#).

2013 Australian aid evaluation workshop

Monday 2 September @ 9am-2.30pm

In 2012 Devpolicy hosted the first [Australian aid evaluation workshop](#), which promoted analysis and review of recent evaluations released by AusAID’s independent evaluations unit the Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE). A year on we will repeat the exercise, looking at more recent reviews from ODE (on HIV/AIDS in PNG and on law and justice), debate the future of evaluation in Australian aid, and hear from ODE head Dereck Rooker-Smith and Independent Evaluation Committee chair Jim Adams. For more information contact us [here](#).

September PNG budget forum

Thursday 19 September

Port Moresby

Our next budget forum jointly organised with [PNG's National Research Institute](#) (NRI) will be held on Thursday, 19 September at NRI. Preliminary findings from our survey of more than 200 schools and close to 150 health facilities from across PNG will be presented at the forum. For more information contact [Colin Wiltshire](#) or [Andrew Mako](#).

Blog summary

You can find a summary of all posts since our last newsletter on July 1 in the list below.

Aid

[Julie Bishop signals support for selective approach to Pacific integration, seasonal workers and Enterprise Challenge Fund](#) by Ashlee Betteridge.

[Is there a role for foreign development assistance in middle income Asia?](#) by Rosita Armytage.

Global development policy

[Careers in development: Robin Sherbourne discusses the ODI Fellowship Scheme](#) by Robin Sherbourne.

[What is of real value](#) by Kamalini Lokuge.

The Pacific

[RAMSI: Solomon Islands in transition](#) by Matthew Allen and Sinclair Dinnen.

[RAMSI: moving forwards by asking the right questions of the past](#) by Clive Moore.

[RAMSI: only part of the picture](#) by Graham Baines.

[Less can be more when small isn't always beautiful](#) by Tobias Haque.

[RAMSI: finding the road to peace and reconciliation](#) by Louise Vella.

[RAMSI: Solomons saved from sinking, but drifting and taking in water...](#) by Tony Hughes.

[The Pacific Plan and the future of Pacific regionalism](#) by Seini O'Connor.

PNG

[Negotiating asylum and settlement in PNG: who has snookered whom?](#) by Michelle Nayahamui Rooney.

[The aid implications of the PNG solution: what isn't, is, and might be happening](#) by Stephen Howes.

[Rampaging soldiers at the Moresby medical school: implications for Rudd's PNG solution](#) by Stephen Howes.

[More about the development contributions of mining and petroleum companies in PNG](#) by Margaret Callan.

In brief

[Call to increase cap for New Zealand's Pacific seasonal worker scheme](#)

[Tracking progress on the MDGs](#)

[Parke announces ambassador for disability-inclusive development](#)

[Ugandans farewell 'Mama Irene'](#)

[Minister for International Development speaks at AusAID, heads to Sols](#)

[The 'unquantifiable cost' of the PNG asylum deal](#)

['Reasonable progress' at UN agencies: DFID MAR update](#)

[Australia unties aid for African food research](#)

[Humanitarian aid takes a hit in 2012](#)

[Global Corruption Barometer released for 2013](#)

[Bill to increase transparency of US aid could still face roadblocks](#)

[Simon Scott: Does development assistance have a future?](#)

[Slowing growth in developing Asia](#)

[Comms for dev: big potential in the Pacific?](#)

[Asylum seeker issue shouldn't stop frank Australia-PNG discussions](#)

[Of Jeffrey Sachs, the Millennium Villages Project, and evidence](#)