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### [Climate change: avoiding a 4 degree warmer world](#)

*\_Rachel Kyte, Vice President for the Sustainable Development Network, World Bank*

*Thursday March 21 @ 5.30pm*

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

According to the World Bank, the world will likely heat up by 4 degrees at the end of the century if the global community fails to act on climate change, triggering a cascade of cataclysmic changes. Drawing on the influential [report](#) on the subject which the Bank released in November of last year, World Bank Vice President Rachel Kyte will speak at the ANU next Thursday about the risk a 4 degree warmer world poses for development, and what we need to do to avoid it. She will also outline the World Bank Group's efforts to catalyze climate-smart development and green growth. This event is co-sponsored with the ANU's Centre for Climate Economics and Policy.

### **Aid budget forum: Wednesday May 15**

We are pleased to announce that our inaugural aid budget forum will be held on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Crawford School here in Canberra. The budget forum will bring together Devpolicy analysis of the budget with the views of a range of stakeholders and commentators. Stay tuned for more details of this not-to-be missed aid event. If you're coming to Canberra for the budget on the 14<sup>th</sup>, delay your return flight to make room for this.

### **Pacific Update 2013**

*July 8/9 @ANU*

Following the success of the 2012 Pacific Update (more details including video, presentations and a blog series available [here](#)) the 2013 Pacific Update will be held on July 8 and 9 here at the ANU. It will be co-sponsored with the Asian Development Bank and the Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies Journal. Stay tuned

for more details, including registration information and speakers

## **Devpolicy in Dili and Burma**

Devpolicy Associate Director Robin Davies helped facilitate an international conference on the post-2015 development agenda in Dili, from 25-28 February. Organised by the [g7+](#) group of fragile states, the conference brought together nearly 50 (mostly developing) countries to discuss how the specific development challenges faced by fragile and conflict-affected states should be reflected in the post-2015 framework. Robin Davies provides his reflections in [this Devpolicy blog post](#). Read why, though he's not exactly a fan of the sprawling post-MDG process, Robin nevertheless thought the conference was a useful "step toward building a sense of collective, if loose, identity among fragile states".

Meanwhile, Anthony Swan, Research Fellow at the Development Policy Centre, took part in a mission to Burma with Professor [Peter Drysdale](#) in late March to look at ways in which ANU's Crawford School of Public Policy, within which the Development Policy Centre is housed, could collaborate with Myanmar universities, research institutes, and government departments. Look out for Anthony's Devpolicy Blog piece on his experiences in Myanmar in the near future.

## **Pacific Conversations**

This month Devpolicy Research Associate [Tess Newton Cain](#) began a new series on the Devpolicy blog, Pacific Conversations. Tess will engage in a series of interviews with Pacific leaders and influential figures. The first interview is with Peter Forau, the Director General of the Melanesian Spearhead Group Secretariat, available [here](#). Stay tuned for the next in the series, with former PNG Prime Minister and Head of the Pacific Plan Review, Sir Mekere Morauta.

## **Best of the Development Policy Blog 2012**

We have put together a [compilation](#) [pdf] of the 12 most popular blogs, by readership, in 2012. These capture the range of interests our Blog covers, and the diversity of our contributors. We hope you enjoy reading it.

## **New staff**

Grant Walton will be joining the Centre in April as a post-doctoral Research Fellow on the PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure ([PEPE](#)) project. Grant's PhD from the University of Melbourne compared policy makers and citizens' perceptions of corruption in PNG. He has extensive field experience in PNG and elsewhere, and worked with us last year on the PNG PEPE survey.

Dr [Richard Curtain](#) has joined the Centre this month as a Visiting Fellow, working on Pacific labour mobility. Richard is a labour market expert with extensive experience as an independent consultant in Australia and the Pacific region.

Tony Hughes, former governor of the Solomon Islands central bank, will join us as a Visiting Fellow starting next week to work on his "what can we learn" project synthesising the lessons [link to his blog] of policy making and advising in the Pacific.

This month we also welcome Ashlee Betteridge back to the Centre as a Research Officer. Ashlee worked for us in 2011/12, and has since worked in Timor-Leste and Indonesia. Combining training and experience in development, public policy and journalism, Ashlee will focus on strengthening our research reach and impact.

Breanna Gasson and Michelle La O will be joining the Centre as interns for the first semester.

[Public expenditure and financial management in fragile states](#)

*Marcus Manuel, Alastair McKechnie & Edward Hedger, Centre for Aid & Public Expenditure, Overseas Development Institute  
Tuesday March 5*

On Tuesday March 5, a panel of speakers from the ODI's Centre for Aid and Public Expenditure discussed the role of effective and equitable public finance management in fragile states. They highlighted the lessons learned from the centre's Budget Strengthening Initiative, from aid to Afghanistan, and from a recent ODI/World Bank study into public finance reforms in post-conflict countries. You can find the speakers presentations [here](#) and a podcast of the event [here](#). A video of the event will be available [here](#) shortly.

## **Blog posts**

Here is a list of Devpolicy blog posts (organised thematically) since our last newsletter, a month ago. We also provide monthly wraps (buzzes) on [Australian aid](#), [global development](#), [education & development](#), and [aid & Asia](#), as well as fortnightly wraps on the [Pacific](#).

### **Blog digest**

[February blog digest: Filling the analytical gap – Australian aid stories](#) by Stephen Howes.

### **Aid**

[Key observations on the state of New Zealand's aid strategy](#) by Joanna Spratt.

[Sector on the fiscal cliff](#) by Susan Harris Rimmer.

[Construction in educational development: – the 'edifice complex'?](#) by Robert Cannon.

### **Development**

[Gender based violence – exploring the social and economic costs](#) by Andrew Rowell.

[The private sector: the new black in women's economic empowerment](#) by Kate Nethercott and Marianne Jago-Bassingthwaite.

[Debating Why Nations Fail, part II](#) by Cory Smith.

[Towards a bloc identity for fragile states: the Dili international conference on the post-2015 development agenda](#) by Robin Davies.

[Debating Why Nations Fail, part I](#) by Cory Smith.

### **Pacific**

[Online innovation primes Pacific private sector growth](#) by Andrea Iffland.

[Peter Forau on why the Melanesian Spearhead Group is a success](#) by Tess Newton Cain.

[The Pacific Plan: vague purpose, shaky ownership, fractured implementation](#) by Tony Hughes.

[Anti-planning: a submission to the Pacific Plan Review](#) by Peter Larmour.

[Fine for Fiji Times raises questions about media freedom](#) by Matthew Dornan.

**PNG**

[Urban primary schools in Papua New Guinea: A decade of \(rusty\) swings and roundabouts](#) by Grant Walton.

[Challenges and opportunities at the frontline of service delivery in PNG: Enga province](#) by Andrew Anton Mako.