

## New Development Policy Centre

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Given your interest in development policy, we're excited to share our new research centre with you. We hope that you will find it a valuable contribution to your work.

With so many lively debates on development policy taking place around the World and so much interesting research being carried out, there is a lot that we can learn. But it can be difficult to keep up and often the important discussions in Asia Pacific can get overlooked.

### **A new Development Policy Centre**

This is why we have set up a new [Development Policy Centre](#) to help you and other development professionals, by bringing together the best in research, networks and expertise to support development policy in the Asia-Pacific region.

The [Crawford School of Economics and Government](#) a good home for the Centre, given its depth of expertise, range of networks and proximity to policy-makers.

We have a growing group of experts, from the ANU and elsewhere in Australia and overseas, who are looking forward to sharing their research and insights.

And we have a growing band of supporters and well-wishers who will be part of what we anticipate will be an exciting conversation.

### **Supporting development professionals**

Together, we are planning a range of activities to support your work.

- **Research.** Through articles and working papers, we will undertake and promote original research on aid effectiveness, Pacific development and broader development policies.
- **Blog.** The new [Development Policy blog](#) will highlight and promote research, and will provide a forum for feedback and sharing ideas.
- **Conference.** Our first conference in the first half of 2010 will put the scaled-up Australian aid program under the spotlight, and promote ideas and debate.

## How you can get involved

Given the wealth of experience, skills and ideas in the region, we want to involve you and as many development professionals as possible. Here are some ideas on how to be part of a genuine debate and discussion over the future development policy.

- You can comment on [blogs](#) or even better submit one of your own to our [editors](#).
- You can sign up to more regular updates, including through [Twitter](#).
- You can also [contact us](#) directly by email to provide feedback or share ideas.
- If you like what we are doing, please tell your friends and colleague and leave a comment on the [Development Policy blog](#).

We look forward to hearing from you, and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to [contact us](#).