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Aid stakeholder surveys: one more week!

We've had a really positive response to our stakeholder surveys so far, but would love to hear from you if you haven't already responded. To give you a final chance, we've extended the closing date by a week to Friday 2 October.

For more details on the rationale and importance of the surveys, [read this blog post](#). You can find the links to the two surveys [here](#). You don't have to live in Australia or New Zealand to take part—we're particularly interested in hearing from recipients in countries that receive Australian and NZ aid.

ANU-UPNG jobs in economics and public policy

As part of the growing partnership between ANU Crawford School of Public Policy (where Devpolicy sits) and the University of Papua New Guinea School of Business and Public Policy (UPNG SBPP), and with funding from the Australian aid program, we are now advertising four academic positions in economics and public policy (junior and senior). The successful candidates will be ANU faculty but based in Port Moresby as Visiting Fellows at UPNG SBPP, where they will teach, research and engage in outreach and service activities alongside their UPNG colleagues. This is an opportunity to have an impact and make a difference. Check out the job ads [here](#). More positions will be advertised in the coming days: keep an eye [on this link](#) if you are interested.

PNG: 40th anniversary, new discussion paper, events

Last week, PNG celebrated its 40th anniversary of independence. To mark the day, we had a [round-up of content from the web](#) and [a book review](#) by Tess Newton Cain. Stephanie Copus-Campbell wrote on [the amazing ladies of Hela](#).

We've also just published the [2014-15 Survey of Recent Developments](#) in the PNG economy, a joint effort between faculty of the UPNG Division of Economics and the Development Policy Centre. The paper was presented at the State of the Pacific conference in Canberra earlier this month, and at the PNG Update in Port Moresby back in June. It analyses the macro and fiscal risks that the PNG economy is now facing, as well as the structural reform challenges.

And a reminder that we have two great PNG events coming up: [a lecture](#) by PNG's Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology on 12 October, and [a panel on gender parity](#) in PNG, bringing together the public and private sectors, on 13 October. Be sure to register!

Debunking aid dogmas; building aid floors

Robin Davies [debunks](#) the popular myths of declines in aid [to LDCs](#) and [to recent low-income graduates](#). But he is worried about the risk of future aid declines. Long-term aspirational targets (such as the EU's goal of 0.2% of GNI to LDCs by 2030) are of no practical value, but Robin [argues for floors in aid commitments](#) to these countries: set at \$50 per capita for LDCs and \$25 for low-income graduates.

A new PM and a new ministry

It has been a tumultuous fortnight for Australian politics—we have a new Prime Minister (again), with Foreign Minister Julie Bishop playing a powerful role in the change. And in the subsequent reshuffle of portfolios, we now have a Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Steven Ciobo). What does it all mean? Robin Davies looked at [Turnbull's views](#) on international development and climate change, Ashlee Betteridge reported [on Ciobo's rise](#), and former Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Bob McMullan [provided some advice](#) on aid and international development to the newly-promoted.

Can the SDGs be achieved?

Chris Hoy of ODI will present a new report on how achievable the new SDGs are (all 17 of them) on Thursday 1 October (12.30pm). The event will discuss which goals we are on track to achieve, and which ones will need more effort, both for the world as a whole and in different regions, with discussants from DFAT and Oxfam. [Register here](#).

For some insight into what may be discussed at the event, Chris has [summarised](#) the report on the blog.

This week we've also [had a post](#) on the SDGs by Camilla Schippa of the Institute for Economics & Peace. Catch up on the full series [here](#).

2016 AAC call for papers closing soon

Just a reminder that our call for papers for the 2016 Australasian Aid Conference (10-11 Feb) will be closing on 15 October. You can find [more details here](#). [Registration](#) is open, with early bird pricing until 10 November.

2016 PNG Update: save the dates

The 2016 PNG Update will be held on 15-17 June 2016 at the University of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby. A call for papers will be announced shortly.

Devpolicy turns five

This week marked five years since our centre began. A big thank you to everyone who has supported our work in our first five years.

Upcoming events

Can the SDGs be achieved by 2030?

Thursday 1 October, 12.30 – 1.30pm, Barton Theatre. [Register here](#).

Higher education issues and reform in Papua New Guinea

Monday 12 October, 12.30 – 1.30pm, Barton Theatre. [Register here](#).

PNG: Pathways to gender parity

Tuesday 13 October, 12 – 1.30pm, Barton Theatre. [Register here](#).

2016 Australasian Aid Conference

10-11 February 2016. Call for papers and registrations now open. [Details here](#).

Blog highlights

Three new books reviewed: on [ACFID](#), [PNG](#) and [global health](#)

What were [the outcomes](#) of 'Forum fortnight' in the Pacific?

Lessons for development [from rugby union](#)

On the blog

[Strengthening local actors key to effective disaster response](#) by Peter Walton

[Can the SDGs be achieved by 2030?](#) By Chris Hoy

[Why are so few Pacific islanders working in PNG?](#) By Carmen Voigt-Graf

[Peace and data in the SDGs](#) by Camilla Schippa

[Fifty years of coordination against the odds: a history of ACFID](#) by Ashlee Betteridge

[The Rugby World Cup – lessons for development](#) by Glenn Banks and Gerard Prinsen

[In-line insights: five years in Vanimo](#) by Tess Newton Cain

[The amazing ladies of Hela](#) by Stephanie Copus-Campbell

[Two dogmas of development financing: aid floors for the bottom billions](#) by Robin Davies

[Universal rights and quality of life: an interview with Tewodros Melesse](#) by Camilla Burkot and Tewodros Melesse

[A tale of two forums](#) by Tess Newton Cain and Matthew Dornan

In brief

[ANU-UPNG jobs in economics and public policy](#)

[Fortnightly links: crises, charts, sinking islands and worms \(yes, again\)](#)

[Building Myanmar's aid transparency](#)

[Some proposals for Malcolm Turnbull and Steven Ciobo](#)

[Book review—Epic Measures: One doctor. Seven billion patients.](#)

[International development and Pacific elevated in Turnbull reshuffle](#)

[ANU agricultural researcher recognised in PNG honours](#)

[Celebrating 40 years of independence for PNG](#)

[Malcolm Turnbull on international development](#)

[Child mortality in the Pacific region: latest UNICEF findings](#)

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