

## Newsletter: 2016 AAC call for papers | PNG gender & higher ed | Avoid the SDGs? | Aiding female politicians | ANU-UPNG jobs | Careers in development

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### 2016 Australasian Aid Conference call for papers

We're lining up a stellar cast for the February 10-11 2016 [Australasian Aid Conference](#). Keynotes confirmed to date include: Dr Peter Varghese, WRI Europe Director Kitty van der Heijden, and former aid Parl Sec Bob McMullan. We also have confirmed international plenaries on the Paris climate change conference, and on Asian perspectives on the SDGs.

Our call for papers will be closing on 30 October. You can find [more details here](#). This is your great opportunity to present and get feedback on your latest aid and international development research. With 300 participants this year, the conference has become the region's leading gathering for aid and development practitioners and analysts.

[Registration](#) is also open, with early bird pricing until 10 November.

### ANZ aid stakeholder survey: thank you

We've now closed our 2015 Australia and New Zealand stakeholder survey. We smashed our 2013 participation numbers. This time we had 461 responses on Australian aid, compared to 356 in 2013. We also had 136 responses on New Zealand aid, which we didn't look at in 2013. Thanks so much to everyone who took the time to respond. Results will be released at the [2016 Australasian Aid Conference](#).

### PNG gender parity symposium + higher ed lecture

On Monday (12 October) lunchtime, PNG's Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology, Malakai Tabar, will be [lecturing](#) on higher education reforms in PNG. On Tuesday (13 October) lunchtime, we have [a panel on gender parity](#) in PNG on with a fantastic range of speakers, bringing together the public and private sectors. The events are part of the PNG gender parity symposium, which will also be visiting Sydney and Brisbane. [More details here](#).

### More on the SDGs: Best avoided? Beyoncé?

Our [discussion on the SDGs](#) has continued on the blog. Philipp Krause of ODI rains on the SDG party, [argues](#) that poor countries should avoid them, and the “new set of measurement frameworks, assessments, strategies and plans” that will inevitably accompany them. Ashlee Betteridge [invokes Beyoncé](#) to argue that SDG5 on gender is “feminist but not flawless”. Also check out the cinema ad promoting the SDGs, and give your view as to whether it is [cute or useless](#).

If you missed the discussion at our event last week, on a new [ODI report](#) on whether the SDGs will be achieved on the basis of past trends, [the podcast is now available](#).

### **Aiding women candidates in Solomon Islands: time for a new approach**

Solomon Islands is one of the world’s worst performers when it comes to women in parliament. Since independence there has never been more than one woman MP in its parliament at any one time, and for long periods of time there have been none.

In a [new paper](#) [pdf] in *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*, Devpolicy Research Fellow Terence Wood shows that despite a steady increase in the number of women candidates, on average, they are not becoming more competitive. And aid efforts to train women candidates and to educate voters do not appear to be helping. Instead, Terence argues in the paper, donors should help women candidates gain reputations as people who can be trusted to provide material assistance to their constituents, for example, by targeting potential women leaders in community development work.

Read a blog post summarising Terence’s paper [here](#).

### **ANU-UPNG jobs in Moresby and Canberra**

We now have the [full complement](#) of positions being hired under our ANU-UPNG partnership out in the market. Four ANU academics will be hired to be based at UPNG, to engage in teaching, research and outreach alongside UPNG colleagues in the fields of economics and public policy. Four other research and managerial positions are available based either in Canberra or Port Moresby. See [this](#) link for details. Applications close 22 October. Also, the call for papers for the 2016 PNG Update on June 15-17 at UPNG in Port Moresby [is now open](#).

### **Careers in development**

On October 20 (5.30pm – 6.30pm), we are hosting our second Careers in Development event, in conjunction with the ANU Aid and Development Learning Community. We’ve got some terrific speakers lined up, with experience in government, NGOs big and small, the private sector, and as volunteers. For those looking to get into the sector, there will be plenty of opportunity to ask your burning career questions. [Register here](#).

### **Upcoming events**

*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](#).

*Careers in development*

Tuesday 20 October, 5.30pm – 6.30pm, Manning Clarke T3. [Register here](#).

*2016 Australasian Aid Conference*

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

### **Blog highlights**

Paul Flanagan on [PNG's supplementary budget](#) and [macro policy](#)

Polio eradication [takes a cut](#)

[Emergency medical care](#) in poor countries

### **On the blog**

[Polio eradication, routine immunisation and severe cuts to our meagre aid budget](#) by Barbara McPake and Peter Leslie Annear

[The six billion kina answer](#) by Graeme Smith

[The emergence of emergency care](#) by Belinda Lawton

[The SDGs, gender and Beyoncé: feminist, but not flawless](#) by Ashlee Betteridge

[PNG supplementary budget – too much, too late?](#) By Paul Flanagan

[Why poor countries should try to avoid the SDGs](#) by Philipp Krause

[PNG September monetary policy statement: a quick assessment](#) by Paul Flanagan

[The Moresby forum: a reframed pacific regionalism?](#) By Matthew Dornan and Tess Newton Cain

[Aiding women candidates in Solomon Islands elections](#) by Terence Wood

### **In brief**

[Fortnightly links: covering war and escaping it, the white man effect, and more...](#)

[Easterly on the SDGs: utopian and worthless](#)

[Will this ad help the SDGs?](#)

[PNG gender parity symposium: Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane](#)

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