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TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER | PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

1.30-2.40pm	Preview Demonstration: Australian Aid Transparency Portal <i>Molonglo Theatre*</i>	
2.40-3.10pm	Afternoon tea	
3.10-4.20pm	Launch: 'Prioritizing global responsibilities' (Professor Luke Glanville, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University) <i>Barton Theatre</i>	Launch: 'Partner of choice? Southeast Asian views on Australia as a development partner' (Development Intelligence Lab) <i>Acton Theatre</i>
4.20-5.30pm	Launch: 'Putting AI in AID: DragonFly Thinking and Development Intelligence' Professor Miranda Forsyth, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University and Co-founder and Director, DragonFly Thinking, and Bridi Rice, Chief Executive Officer, Development Intelligence Lab <i>Molonglo Theatre*</i>	
5.30pm	Welcome to Country and opening reception <i>Crawford School courtyard</i>	

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER | DAY ONE

7.20am	Registration; tea and coffee					
8.10-8.30am	Conference introduction <i>Molonglo Theatre*</i> [Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]					
8.30-9.30am	OPENING ADDRESS Dr Arsenio Balisacan, Secretary, National Economic Development Authority, Republic of the Philippines <i>Molonglo Theatre*</i> [Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]					
9.45-11.15am	Panel 1a Progress made or promises pending? A one-year review of Australia's International Development Policy <i>Molonglo Theatre*</i>	Panel 1b Understanding and responding to intersecting disadvantage in aid <i>Weston Theatre**</i>	Panel 1c Climate, conflict and China in Africa <i>Barton Theatre**</i>	Panel 1d The critical intersections of social protection systems and climate change <i>Acton Theatre</i>	Panel 1e The Global Partnership for Education: a demand-driven approach to strengthening national systems <i>Brindabella Theatre</i>	Panel 1f Focus on Indonesia: policy, governance and infrastructure <i>Lennox Room</i>

* Session will be livestreamed ** Hybrid session

11.15-11.45am	Morning tea					
11.45-1.15pm	Panel 2a Australia's approach to locally led development: policy drivers and emerging good practice <i>Molonglo Theatre*</i>	Panel 2b What happened to the "almost revolution"? Reflections on Political Economy Analysis and its impact <i>Weston Theatre **</i>	Panel 2c The political economy of debt in South Asia <i>Barton Theatre **</i>	Panel 2d Collaborative research partnerships for inclusive development <i>Acton Theatre</i>	Panel 2e Total value creation: cooperatives as models of social business in the Asia-Pacific <i>Brindabella Theatre</i>	Panel 2f Climate resilient food systems in Southeast Asia and the Pacific <i>Lennox Room</i>
1.15-2.30pm	Lunch					
2.30-3.30pm	KEYNOTE ADDRESS 'Multilateralism in Action: The Global Fund's Impact in the Indo-Pacific' Lady Roslyn Morauta, Board Chair, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria <i>Molonglo Theatre* [Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]</i>					
3.30-4.00pm	Afternoon Tea					
4.00-5.30pm	Panel 3a Measuring what matters: understanding impact in social change programs <i>Molonglo Theatre*</i>	Panel 3b Health and WASH in Indonesia: working with vulnerable groups, communities and local authorities <i>Weston Theatre**</i>	Panel 3c Climate change, food security and gender: Bangladesh, Indonesia and the Pacific <i>Barton Theatre**</i>	Panel 3d Gender and transformative change: foreign policy, conflict and leadership <i>Acton Theatre</i>	Panel 3e Economic diversification in Timor-Leste <i>Brindabella Theatre</i>	Panel 3f Culture, faith and trust in humanitarian and gender equality aid <i>Lennox Theatre</i>
5.30pm	Close					
6.00pm	Pre-dinner drinks (ticket holders only) <i>Garden of Australian Dreams, National Museum of Australia</i>					
6.30pm	Conference dinner (ticket holders only) After dinner speech: 'Responding to family and sexual violence in PNG' Eily Toimbo, Manager, Goroka Case Management Centre, Femili PNG <i>Peninsula Room, National Museum of Australia</i>					

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** Hybrid session

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER | DAY TWO

8.30am						Registration; tea and coffee						
9.00-10.30am	Panel 4a Countering the global anti-rights movement <i>Molonglo Theatre*</i>	Panel 4b Labour trafficking in Southeast Asia: vulnerabilities and responses <i>Weston Theatre**</i>	Panel 4c Aid and the private sector: challenges, opportunities and lessons from Indonesia <i>Barton Theatre**</i>	Panel 4d Australian aid: statecraft, contest, and public opinion <i>Acton Theatre</i>	Panel 4e Change from within: lessons learned from efforts to affect systemic change within government <i>Brindabella Theatre</i>	Panel 4f Focus on Cambodia: technology, inclusion and Australian aid <i>Lennox Room</i>						
10.30-11.00am						<i>Morning tea</i>						
11.00-12.00pm						2024 MITCHELL ORATION 'Development cooperation in a contested world' Sir Masood Ahmed, President Emeritus, Center for Global Development <i>Molonglo Theatre* [Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]</i>						
12.00-1.00pm						<i>Lunch</i>						
1.00pm-2.30pm	Panel 5a The end of the development era: causes, consequences and pathways forward <i>Molonglo Theatre*</i>	Panel 5b Governance, crime, and development: addressing the human impact of scam networks in Southeast Asia <i>Weston Theatre**</i>	Panel 5c The practice of localisation and inclusion <i>Barton Theatre**</i>	Panel 5d A regional crisis: how technology is being used to exacerbate gender-based violence <i>Acton Theatre</i>	Panel 5e Enabling civic space in Asia <i>Brindabella Theatre</i>	Panel 5f Effectiveness and impact in tertiary education programs <i>Lennox Room</i>						
2.30-3.00pm						<i>Afternoon Tea</i>						
3.00-4.30pm	Panel 6a Forecasters, unite! Anticipating and meeting the needs of the future development sector <i>Molonglo Theatre*</i>	Panel 6b Negotiating digital development: Timor-Leste, Indonesia and regional civic space <i>Weston Theatre**</i>	Panel 6c Case studies in participatory research from the Pacific and SE Asia <i>Barton Theatre**</i>	Panel 6d Localising humanitarian preparedness and response in disasters and conflict <i>Acton Theatre</i>	Panel 6e Women environmental defenders as solidarity movements for climate justice <i>Brindabella Theatre</i>	Panel 6f Health and social protection: regional experience and lessons from COVID-19 <i>Lennox Room</i>						
4.30-5.15pm	PLENARY PANEL Three-Minute Aid Pitches (3MAPs) <i>Molonglo Theatre* [Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]</i>						*Session will be livestreamed ** Hybrid session					
5.15pm						Closing Reception <i>Crawford School courtyard</i>						

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER | PRE-CONFERENCE

1.30PM

Preview Demonstration: Australian Aid Transparency Portal

Molonglo Theatre*

This panel will provide a preview demonstration of the new Australian aid transparency portal. It will discuss how greater transparency of development spending and performance supports more effective aid and stronger partnerships.

Chair: Joanne Choe, Managing Director, Asia-Pacific, DT Global

Panelists:

Catherine Gill, Assistant Secretary, Development Strategy Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Anna Gilchrist, Director, Development Governance and Performance Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Leah Odongo, Head of Effectiveness, CBM Australia

Dr Terence Wood, Fellow, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University



2.40PM AFTERNOON TEA

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TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER | PRE-CONFERENCE

3.10PM

Launch – ‘Partner of choice? Southeast Asian views on Australia as a development partner’

Acton Theatre

Author: Mira Sulistiyanto, Senior Analyst, Development Intelligence Lab

Chair: Peter Yates, Australia Representative and Regional Director (Governance), The Asia Foundation

Discussants:

Aedan Whyatt, Assistant Secretary, Southeast Asia Development Policy and Programs Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Anna Winoto, Indonesia Country Representative and Strategic Adviser, Abt Global

Launch – ‘Prioritizing global responsibilities’

Weston Theatre

Author: Professor Luke Glanville, Department of International Relations, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University

Chair: Dr Benjamin Day, Department of International Relations, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University

4.20PM

Launch – ‘Putting AI in AID: DragonFly Thinking and Development Intelligence’

*Molonglo Theatre**

This address will showcase how technology can help development practitioners engage with complexity and how new structured analytic techniques and novel frameworks, powered by AI, can help them consider different perspectives, generate dynamic analysis, and enable better foresight and decision-making.

Chair: Mark Keonig, Vice President, Programs, The Asia Foundation



Panelists:

Professor Miranda Forsyth, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University and Co-founder and Director, DragonFly Thinking (pictured)

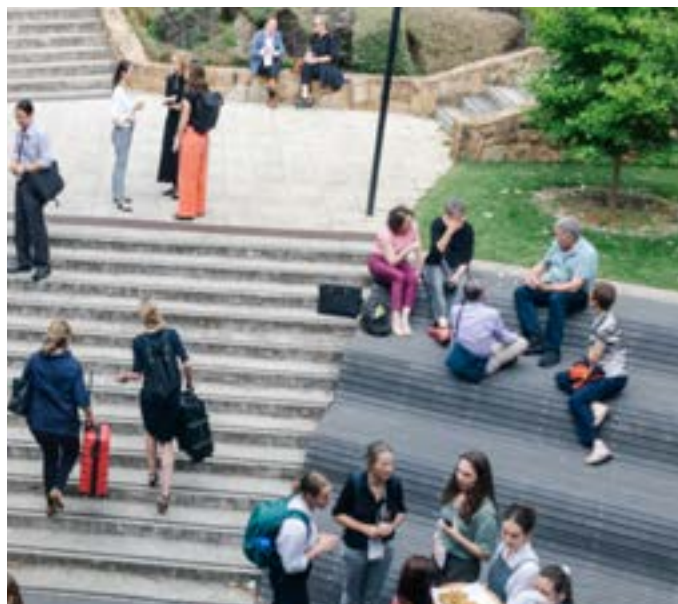
Bridi Rice, Chief Executive Officer, Development Intelligence Lab

5.30PM

Welcome to Country and opening reception

Serena Williams, Ngunnawal-Wiradjuri woman, Ngunnawal elder

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WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER | DAY ONE

7.20AM REGISTRATION

8.10AM

Conference introduction

*Molonglo Theatre**

[Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]

Welcome

Dr Cameron Hill, Senior Researcher, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University

Opening remarks

Thomas Parks, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, The Asia Foundation

8.30AM

OPENING ADDRESS

*Molonglo Theatre**

[Overflow: Weston Theatre, Barton Theatre]

Chair: Professor Janine O'Flynn, Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University



Dr Arsenio Balisacan, Secretary, National Economic Development Authority, Republic of the Philippines

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Panel 1a – Progress made or promises pending? A one-year review of Australia’s International Development Policy

*Molonglo Theatre**

This panel will bring together a group of experts from government, private sector, NGOs and academia to analyse implementation of the 2023 International Development Policy. The discussion will focus on whether the progress made thus far meets the goals set by the policy and what more needs to be done to turn promises into tangible outcomes. The panel will focus on progress against the development policy’s commitments on gender, civil society, locally led development, including alignment with partner systems, and provide an analysis of Australia’s climate aid contributions.

Chair: Catherine Gill, Assistant Secretary, Development Strategy Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panelists:

Dr Terence Wood, Fellow, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Michelle Higelin, Vice President, Australian Council For International Development & Executive Director, ActionAid Australia

Dr Neelesh Gounder, Chief Policy Advisor, Government of Fiji

Leonie Whyte, Head, Program Quality and Gender, DT Global

Panel 1b – Understanding and responding to intersecting disadvantage in aid

*Weston Theatre***

Intersectionality has emerged as a critical concept within international development and social policy over the past five years. Understanding the complex interplay of different forms of discrimination – and how these interactions create advantages for some while disadvantaging others – is vital for fostering development that leaves no one behind.

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A crucial aspect of this effort is developing practical understandings that go beyond simply listing identity characteristics and explore the interconnected systems of privilege and disadvantage in specific contexts. This approach aims to design interventions that create transformative change. Perhaps most importantly, it encourages critical reflection on the role of development actors – from individuals to institutions – to consider whether they are perpetuating or challenging the status quo.

Chair: Elizabeth Cowan, Senior Specialist Advisor (Gender Equality), Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panellists:

Dr Vania de la Fuente-Núñez, Senior Advisor, Healthy Ageing, The Fred Hollows Foundation

Leah Odongo, Head of Effectiveness and Program Impact, CBM Australia

Megan Carrol, Data Technology and Insights Manager, Equality Insights, International Women’s Development Agency

Panel 1c – Climate, conflict and China in Africa

*Barton Theatre***

From aid to conflict? New evidence on emergency food aid’s impact on conflict in sub-Saharan Africa

Dr Dessie Ambaw, Lecturer in Economics, University of South Australia [online]

Food security and protection in a changing climate: a case study

Mudasser Siddiqui, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Plan International Australia and Claire Walker, Contract Management Coordinator, Oxfam Australia

Chinese aid and environmental impact: reimagining human security in Zimbabwe

Kudakwashe Praise Mutukura, PhD Candidate, RMIT University

Chair: Estelle Stambolie, Research Officer, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

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Panel 1d – The critical intersections of social protection systems and climate change

Acton Theatre

As climate change intensifies, social security systems face mounting pressures from increased demand for benefits and services while simultaneously grappling with eroding fiscal capacity due to climate-induced economic disruptions. This is especially pronounced in agrarian and fisheries-based economies in which significant portions of the population rely on these sectors for their livelihoods.

Social protection systems serve as safety nets for individuals and communities, providing essential support during times of crisis. As extreme weather events disrupt livelihoods and exacerbate poverty, it is imperative that social protection systems are designed to be resilient, responsive and easily scalable. This panel will explore the critical intersection of social protection and climate change, with a particular focus on the unique challenges and opportunities in the Asia-Pacific.

Chair: Jamie Isbister, Deputy Head, Office of the Pacific and Head, Strategic Infrastructure and Economic Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panelists:

Dr Stephen Kidd, Senior Social Policy Specialist, Development Pathways

Dr Melanie Pill, Research Fellow, Indo-Pacific Development Centre, Lowy Institute

Panel 1e – The Global Partnership for Education: a demand-driven approach to strengthening national systems

Brindabella Theatre

The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) has adopted a systems transformation approach to strengthening national education systems.

A key element of this approach is the role of global and regional partners in supporting countries' knowledge and capacity needs,

thus ensuring they have the capabilities to transform their education systems. GPE has incorporated this focus through the GPE Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) mechanism.

KIX is a demand-driven program launched in 2019 that connects the expertise, innovation and knowledge of GPE partners to support more than 70 countries. This panel will highlight experiences and insights from one of four regional hubs in facilitating knowledge generation, mobilisation and capacity strengthening across 36 GPE partner countries.

Chair: Sally-Anne Henfry, Assistant Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panelists:

Aditi Desai, KIX EMAP Knowledge Lead (Southeast Asia), NORRAG Global Education Centre, Geneva Graduate Institute

Nuong Nguyen, Vietnam Country Director, Room to Read

Tshelthrim Dorji, Planning Officer, Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Education and Skills Development, Government of Bhutan

Arushi Terway, Senior Technical Advisor, KIX EMAP, NORRAG Global Education Centre, Geneva Graduate Institute

Panel 1f – Focus on Indonesia: policy, governance and infrastructure

Lennox Room

The role of think tanks as policy entrepreneurs: case studies from Indonesia

Ria Arief, Head, Knowledge to Policy Unit, Australian Embassy Jakarta, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Public financial management: the key to achieving equity at scale?

Heracles Lang, Lead, Public Financial Management and Minimum Service Standards, Synergies and Collaboration for Service Delivery Acceleration Program (SKALA), Indonesia

Innovative financing to close Indonesia's financing gap

Steven Chaytor, Head, Australia Indonesia Partnership for Infrastructure (KIAT)

Chair: James Gilling, Regional Vice President, East Asia and the Pacific, Abt Global

11.15AM MORNING TEA

11.45AM

Panel 2a – Australia's approach to locally led development: policy drivers and emerging good practice

*Molonglo Theatre**

This panel will explore the topic of locally led development through the lens of both policy and practice. We will introduce DFAT's new guidance which was produced in a consultation process with 33 partner countries and reflect on areas of emerging good practice and challenges across different partners and modalities across the DFAT portfolio, including budget support, managing contractors, and civil society organisations.

Chair: Kirsten Bishop, Assistant Secretary, Development Performance and Advisory Services Branch, Development Effectiveness and Enabling Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panelists:

Ayesha Lutschini, Team Leader, PNG Women Lead, Abt Global

Pranil Singh, Public Financial Management Adviser, Fiji Support Facility

Bishnu Adhikara, Governance Director, The Asia Foundation, Nepal

Kirsten Hawke, Lead Adviser, Design and Locally Led Development, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panel 2b – What happened to the “almost revolution”? Reflections on Political Economy Analysis and its impact

*Weston Theatre***

For over 25 years donor agencies across the world have increasingly invested in political economy analysis (PEA) as a tool, framework and way of thinking and working that aims to operationalise the recognition that development is inherently a political undertaking. This has taken different forms – from Sida's “Power Analysis” to DFID's “Drivers of Change” analysis to the World Bank's “problem-driven PEA”. Closer to home, DFAT has a PEA Guidance Note and conducts regular PEA training.

This panel will provide an interactive facilitated discussion of the status of PEA. It will deliver a frank reflection with diverse perspectives on where the development community is when it comes to the “almost revolution”, what are the results, and what the next steps might entail.

Chair: Hannah Bleby, Director, Governance, Education and Thematic Coordination, Development Advisory Services, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panelists:

Dr Lisa Denney, Acting Director, Centre for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University

Graham Teskey, Principal Global Lead for Governance, Abt Global

Dr Nicola Nixon, Senior Director, Governance, The Asia Foundation [online]

Jimmy Morona, Independent development practitioner [online]

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** Hybrid session

Panel 2c – The political economy of debt in South Asia

*Barton Theatre***

South Asia's debt landscape has been marked by varying levels of fiscal distress, influenced by both domestic political decisions and international financial dynamics.

The objectives of this panel are to critically analyse the political and economic drivers of debt accumulation in Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal, and to explore the consequences of these debt crises on economic sovereignty and development in the region. By examining the unique challenges each country faces, the panel will provide insights into sustainable debt management practices and offer policy recommendations that can help these nations avoid future fiscal distress whilst promoting long-term regional economic stability.

Chair: Anthea Mulakala, Senior Director, International Development Cooperation, The Asia Foundation

Panelists:

Kshitiz Dahal, Senior Programme Officer, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment, Nepal

Dr Faisal Bari, Chief Executive Officer and Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Development and Economic Alternatives, Pakistan [online]

Yolani Fernando, Executive Director, Arutha, Sri Lanka

Panel 2d – Collaborative research partnerships for inclusive development

Acton Theatre

The KONEKSI program is a joint initiative between the Australian and Indonesian governments to promote equitable knowledge partnerships to produce high-quality, multidisciplinary research to support Indonesia's national development priorities.

This panel will discuss how collaborative partnerships are strengthening research, innovation and reform in Indonesia and Australia.

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** Hybrid session

Panelists will speak on the ways gender equality, disability and social inclusion are being elevated through the program and how collaboration is building mutually beneficial institutional and people-to-people links. They will also discuss the key issue of impact: how KONEKSI partnerships are supporting "research to innovation" and "research to policy" pathways and leading to practical, evidence-based solutions.

Chair: Jana Hertz, Team Leader, KONEKSI

Panelists:

Dr Agus Haryono, Deputy for Research Facilitation and Innovation, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), Government of Indonesia

Ria Arief, Head, Knowledge to Policy Unit, Australian Embassy Jakarta, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Professor John McCarthy, Resources, Environment and Development Program, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Charina Chazali, Executive Director, AKATIGA Centre for Social Analysis

Panel 2e – Total value creation: cooperatives as models of social business in the Asia-Pacific

Brindabella Theatre

Co-operatives are a proven model for inclusive economic development, supporting the livelihoods of 10% of the world's working population. Globally, the top 300 co-operatives and mutuals have a combined turnover of more than US\$2.4 trillion.

There is a strong case for the Australian government to commission co-design work that lays out the opportunities to support Asia-Pacific co-operative development in 2025 and beyond, including through: 1) improved legal frameworks for co-operatives to operate, supporting governments with national legislation, regulations, strategies and regional harmonisation; and 2) supporting Ministers from the Asia-Pacific in their call for the establishment of a Pacific Network of Co-operatives.

Chair: Michael Pilbrow, Director and Chairman, Strategic Development Group

Panelists:

Melina Morrison, Chief Executive Officer,
Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals

Dulce Bustamante, Chairperson International
Co-operative Alliance, Asia Pacific Committee on
Youth Cooperation & Executive Director, Union of
Legitimate Service Contracting Cooperatives, The
Philippines

Setareki Macanawai, Global Disability Inclusion
and Equity Advisor, former Chief Executive
Officer of the Pacific Disability Forum

Panel 2f – Climate resilient food systems in Southeast Asia and the Pacific

Lennox Room

The impacts of climate change on agriculture
have been felt worldwide, particularly in
Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Amidst these
changes, building climate-resilient food
systems is imperative for ensuring food security
alongside sustainable development. International
development projects have provided access
to critical resources which enable adaptation
to climate change. However, one significant
challenge persists: identifying and establishing
the right incentives that motivate stakeholders to
adopt new, climate-resilient farming and land use
practices where change is needed.

This panel will share research findings and
practical insights about the development of
climate-resilient food systems in Southeast Asia
and the Pacific, drawing from ongoing projects in
Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, and Tonga.

Chair: Ewelina Przybyszewski, Program Manager,
Climate Resilient Food Systems, Institute for
Climate, Energy and Disaster Solutions (ICEDS),
Australian National University

Panelists:

Bianca Suarez, Research Project Officer, ICEDS
Australian National University

Jennifer Kelly, Senior Innovation Systems Broker,
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research
Organisation

Dr Mona Mahani, Senior Research Analyst, ICEDS,
Australian National University

Harry Myrans, Research Fellow, Institute for
Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions, Australian
National University

1.15PM LUNCH

2.30PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

*Molonglo Theatre**

[Overflow: Weston Theatre and Barton Theatre]

‘Multilateralism in action: The Global Fund’s impact in the Indo-Pacific’



Lady Roslyn Morauta, Board Chair, The Global
Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Lady Roslyn Morauta will explore the critical role
of multilateralism in the Indo-Pacific, focusing on
how the Global Fund strengthens partnerships to
improve health outcomes across the region. The
address will highlight the unique advantages of
multilateral approaches, such as market shaping
and fostering innovation at scale, breakthroughs
in tuberculosis testing, and securing lower prices
for essential health commodities.

Framing the discussion around key levers for
sustainability and impact, Lady Morauta will
address how the Global Fund fills critical funding
gaps, increases the impact of investments, and
promotes collaboration with other partners to
deliver better health outcomes throughout the
Indo-Pacific.

Chair: Helen Evans, Honorary Professor, Nossal
Institute for Global Health, University of
Melbourne

3.30PM AFTERNOON TEA

4.00PM

Panel 3a – Measuring what matters: understanding impact in social change programs

*Molonglo Theatre**

At the 2023 Australasian Aid Conference, a keynote panel on aid effectiveness advocated for experimental approaches to impact evaluation to support the scaling of aid interventions. This panel builds on that discussion, exploring how complexity-aware and participatory approaches to impact assessment can help development policymakers and practitioners understand how well complex social change programs are working – and, importantly, why, how and for whom they are working.

Participatory and complexity-aware approaches to impact assessments present challenges for both evaluators and the programs that commission them. Consequently, there are few examples available of these approaches being used in practice.

This panel will present innovative approaches to impact assessments of DFAT-funded programs. Panelists will outline the reasons for the choices they have made about approaches and methods, and how they have managed the challenges they have encountered.

Chair: Erin Anderson, Technical Director Asia Pacific, Cowater International

Panelists:

Dr Elisabeth Jackson, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University

Sumaya Saluja, Program Manager (Governance), The Asia Foundation

Bethany Davies, Director for MERL and Performance, Synergies and Collaboration for Service Delivery Acceleration Program (SKALA), Indonesia

Misiyah, Chair of the Executive Board, KAPAL Perempuan, Indonesia

** Session will be livestreamed*

*** Hybrid session*

Panel 3b - Health and WASH in Indonesia: working with vulnerable groups, communities and local authorities

*Weston Theatre***

Reaching vulnerable groups through multisectoral partnerships on COVID-19 risk communication and community engagement (RCCE): strengthening health systems and building connections

Dr Yulianto Kurniawan, Former National Coordinator, COVID-19 Program, Australia Indonesia Health Security Partnership [online]

Best practices of grant implementation in the Indonesian health sector: pilot project of puskesmas (community health centers) accreditation

Budi Perdana, Team Leader, Loan and Grant Team, Bureau of Planning and Budgeting, Ministry of Health, Government of Indonesia

A whole-of-service approach to urban wastewater development in Indonesia

Steven Chaytor, Head, Australia Indonesia Partnership for Infrastructure (KIAT)

Chair: Camilla Burkot, Senior Technical Advisor, Health Technical Hub, Global Health Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panel 3c – Climate change, food security and gender: Bangladesh, Indonesia and the Pacific

*Barton Theatre***

Food security in the Pacific Islands: a comparison between Fiji and Kiribati

Danian Singh, Lecturer, Fiji National University [online]

Adaption pathways among vulnerable communities in eastern Indonesia: understanding the food, climate and agroecology nexus

Professor John McCarthy, Resources Environment and Development Program, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University and Charina Chazali, AKATIGA Centre for Social Analysis, Indonesia

Women's economic empowerment to promote inclusive agri-food systems in Bangladesh: evidence and lessons in promoting systems change, gender equality and nutrition

Ellie Wong, Economic Empowerment Manager, World Vision Australia

Chair: Robyn Alders, Honorary Professor, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University

Panel 3d – Gender and transformative change: foreign policy, conflict and leadership

Acton Theatre

From standing out to fitting in: new feminist foreign policy trajectories since 2021

Joanna Pradela, Director, Knowledge Translation and Equality Insights, International Women's Development Agency

Women in war: unsung heroes, leaders and responders

Dr Athena Nguyen, Senior Manager Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion, CARE Australia and Olivia Hartigan, Protection Advisor, CARE Ukraine

Her voice, her leadership: promoting inclusive governance in Vanuatu and PNG

Joy Waffi, Inclusive Governance Program Manager, CARE International

Chair: Dr Annabel Dulhunty, Lecturer, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

Panel 3e – Economic diversification in Timor-Leste

Brindabella Theatre

Timor-Leste is Asia's youngest democracy. Soon after independence in 2002, the country began to earn relatively large revenues from oil and gas activities in the Timor Sea. In the past 20 years, taxes, royalties and related investment returns have totaled US\$30 billion, more than the country's total GDP for that period. However, a consequence of this reliance on oil and gas is that non-oil sectors have developed very slowly. There are few formal sector jobs outside government with most households still reliant on traditional farming as their main source of livelihoods.

This panel will discuss the challenges and opportunities of economic diversification facing Timor-Leste focusing on: 1) current and potential areas of comparative advantage; 2) a labour market view of diversification, including gender gaps; and 3) the implications for the government of Timor-Leste's budget, including investment priorities and revenue opportunities.

Chair: Professor Brett Inder, Department of Econometrics and Business Statistics, Monash Business School

Panelists:

Amanda Robbins, Founder and Managing Director, Equity Economics

Jorania Alves, Research Engagement, PROVISU, Timor-Leste

Guteriano Neves, Research Coordinator, PROVISU, Timor-Leste

Panel 3f – Culture, faith and trust in humanitarian and gender equality aid

Lennox Room

Gender and social capital in disaster resilience: a qualitative study of rural women leaders and social constructions of trust with international humanitarian organisations in the Philippines

Kara Medina, Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist for Climate Finance Projects, The Pacific Community (SPC)

"A disaster is not a punishment from God": The realities of a locally-led, faith sensitive approach to humanitarian work in the Pacific

Chey Mattner, Director, CAN DO Secretariat

Examining the influence of cultural and religious values on service provision for intimate partner violence in Timor-Leste

Gabriela Leite Soares, Masters student, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Chair: Dr Bernadette Whitelum, Board Director, Alinea International

5.30PM CLOSE



6.00PM

Pre-dinner drinks

(Ticket Holders Only)

Garden of Australian Dreams, National Museum of Australia



6.30PM

Conference dinner

(Ticket Holders Only)

Peninsula Room, National Museum of Australia

AFTER-DINNER SPEECH

‘Responding to family and sexual violence in PNG’

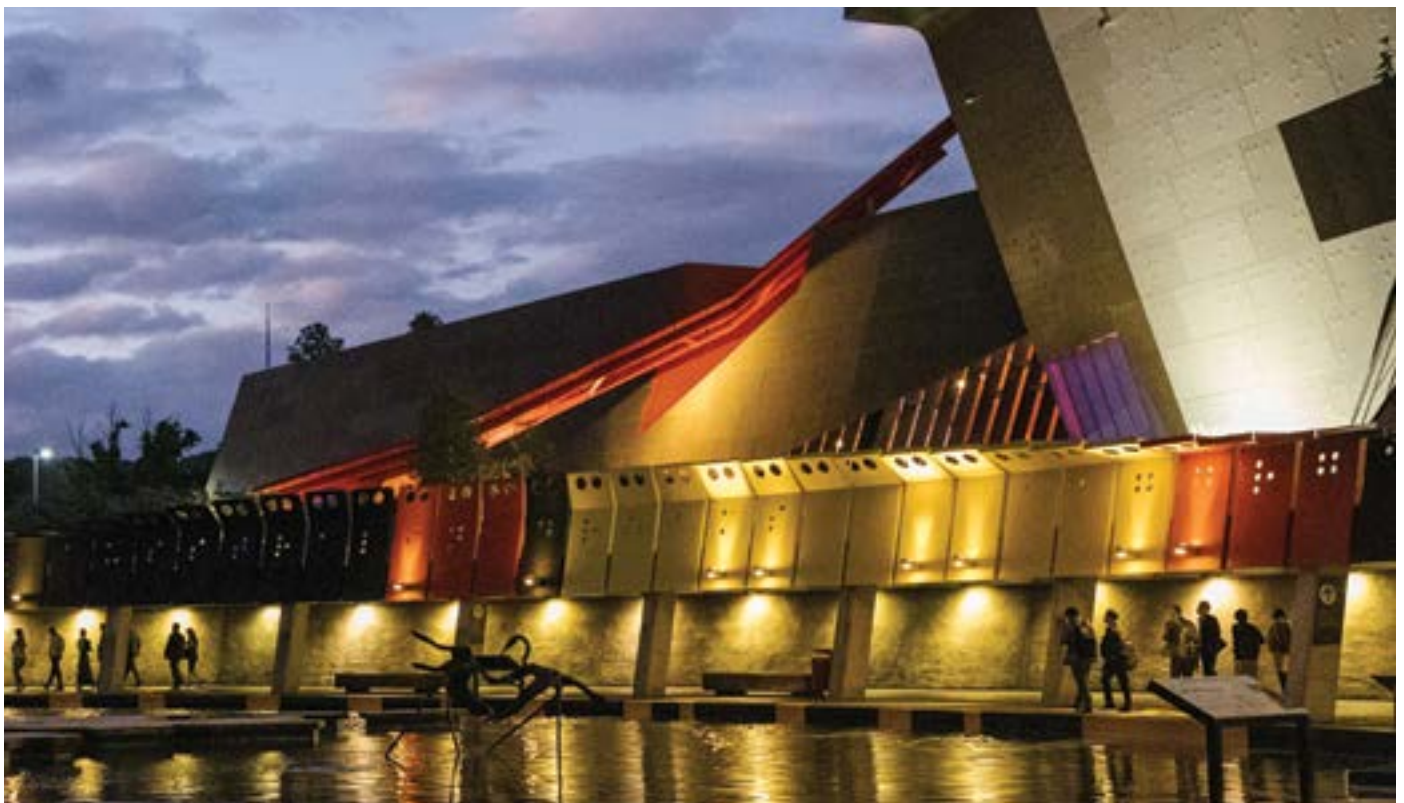
This year we shine a light on the growing response to family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea at the conference dinner.

Femili PNG is a local NGO established in 2014 to help survivors of family and sexual violence in PNG access the support and services they need.

The stories of resilience, growth and change are ones we should all hear.



Elly Toimbo, Manager, Goroka Case Management Centre, Femili PNG



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THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER | DAY TWO

8.30AM REGISTRATION

9.00 AM

Panel 4a – Countering the global anti-rights movement

*Molonglo Theatre**

A well-organised and resourced anti-rights movement is gaining increased legitimacy, threatening to reverse hard-won gains for gender equality and human rights. Emboldened by recent setbacks, including the overturn of *Roe vs. Wade* in the US, attacks on abortion, restricted access to contraception, comprehensive sexuality education and the rights of LGBTQIA+ peoples are becoming increasingly pronounced. There are now grave concerns for the future of reproductive and LGBTQIA+ rights around the world.

This panel will give audience members greater understanding of the transnational impacts of rising authoritarianism and radical anti-rights campaigns. Panelists will discuss strategies to counter the pushback against gender and sexual rights and explore the role of cross-sectoral partnership and movement building to counter regressive anti-rights campaigns. The panel will also unpack Australia's role in defending and promoting human rights, and the opportunities to engage through partnerships, diplomacy and aid.

Chair: Bronte Moules, Australian Ambassador for Human Rights, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panelists:

Jelle Postma, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Justice for Prosperity, The Netherlands

Jack Hayes, PhD candidate and Research Assistant, Global Institute for Women's Leadership, Australian National University

Lady Nancy Lisondra, Youth and Advocacy Advisor, International Planned Parenthood Foundation, The Philippines

Mina Barling, Director, External Relations, International Planned Parenthood Foundation

* Session will be livestreamed

** Hybrid session

Panel 4b – Labour trafficking in Southeast Asia: vulnerabilities and responses

*Weston Theatre***

Labour migration can bring significant development benefits, particularly for countries in the region that rely on remittances. However, it can also expose individuals to the risk of labour abuse, exploitation and human trafficking.

Drawing on research conducted across all 10 ASEAN countries on the political economy of labour trafficking, this panel will examine the structural issues underlying labour migration as well as the individual vulnerabilities that migrant workers, including those with disabilities, face in relation to abuse and exploitation. It will also explore how governments, non-government organisations and migrants themselves are responding to this issue, and what can be done to enhance the protective capabilities and legal voice of migrants to reduce vulnerabilities and support more successful labour migration experiences.

Chair: Dr Lucia Pietropaoli, Team Leader, ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking Program

Panelists:

Dr Lisa Denney, Research Associate, ODI Global

Dr Andika Ab Wahib, Research Fellow, Institute of Malaysia and International Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia [online]

Nurul Qoiriah, Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion Director, ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking Program

Panel 4c – Aid and the private sector: challenges, opportunities and lessons from Indonesia

*Barton Theatre***

Working more closely with the private sector to deliver development assistance can help Australia achieve faster and more sustainable development outcomes by promoting economic growth, reducing poverty and supporting the transition from aid relationships to economic partnerships.

There is a strategic opportunity to catalyse funding from the private sector, as well as a need to tap into private sector innovation to help solve development challenges.

This panel will explore the opportunities and challenges of working with the private sector in Indonesia and share the lessons that DFAT and its development programs have gained from that experience. It will also discuss the incentives, benefits, transaction costs, and risks for the private sector when engaging in development programs, drawing on experience and evaluations.

Chair: Caroline Scott, Director, Blended Finance and Investor Engagement Unit, Climate Diplomacy and Development Finance Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Panelists:

David Goodwins, Deputy Team Leader and Lead Advisor, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, Indonesia Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, Economic Cooperation Program (Katalis)

Bram Marolop, Unit Manager, Economic Governance Section, Economic, Investment and Infrastructure Branch, Australian Embassy Jakarta, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

David Williams, Director, Economic Growth and Nature-Based Solutions APAC, Palladium [online]

Tissa Aunilla, Co-founder Pipiltin Chocolates, Indonesia [online]

Panel 4d – Australian aid: statecraft, contest and public opinion

Acton Theatre

A new era of economic statecraft

Melissa Tyler Conley, Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Development, Diplomacy and Defence Dialogue

Minding the gaps: statecraft, policy legitimization and Australia's aid

Dr Cameron Hill, Senior Researcher, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

The costs of contest: how geostrategic competition and fragility interact

Martina Zapf, General Manager, Development Intelligence Lab

Australian preferences for aid allocation: a discrete choice experiment

Jack Hennessy, Senior Health Economist, The Fred Hollows Foundation and PhD Candidate, Monash University

Chair: Dr Benjamin Day, Lecturer, Coral Bell School of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University

Panel 4e – Change from within: lessons learned from efforts to affect systemic change within government

Brindabella Theatre

Australia's 2023 International Development Policy seeks to build "effective and accountable states that drive their own development". However, systemic change, particularly when it comes to tackling the "wicked problems" that characterise development, is complex. These problems often involve an agglomeration of technical, cultural and process challenges. They are also problems for which purely technical solutions are rarely apparent and that require multiple stakeholders — often with competing interests — to cooperate.

This panel will showcase three initiatives in Southeast Asia to pursue systemic reform in: health (in Timor-Leste), gender-based violence (in Cambodia), and social protection (in Indonesia). It will explore the perspectives and experiences from diverse stakeholders including government, implementing partners, and academia. The discussion will provide insight on how the design and delivery of development programs can better enable locally led systemic change.

Chair: Anna Winoto, Indonesia Country Representative and Strategic Adviser, Abt Global

Panelists:

Armandina Gusmao-Amaral, Program Director, Partnership for Human Development, Timor-Leste

Sochetra Nhean, Director General of Social Development, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Government of Cambodia

Vania Budianto, PhD Candidate, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

> More panels in this session on following page

9.00AM

**Panel 4f – Focus on Cambodia:
technology, inclusion and Australian aid**

Lennox Room

Mapping the dimensions of poverty vulnerability through big data, socioeconomic surveys and machine learning in Cambodia

Theara Khoun, Policy Analyst, Social and Economics, UN Development Programme, Cambodia

Supporting services for children under five years old with developmental delays and disabilities in Cambodia

Channy Check, Senior Disability and Social Inclusion Specialist, Research Triangle Institute, Cambodia

Bridging the information divide: addressing the information needs for persons with disabilities in Cambodia

Phoury Bun, Research Associate, Center for Educational Research and Innovation, Cambodia Development Resource Institute

The impact of Australian aid on private sector development in post-civil war Cambodia: a case study

Sithykun Chean, Senior Associate and Sithsakal Oum, Senior Analyst, Vriens & Partners

Chair: Micheal Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, eWater

10.30AM MORNING TEA



11.00AM

2024 MITCHELL ORATION

*Molonglo Theatre**

[Overflow: Weston Theatre, Acton Theatre]

‘Development cooperation in a contested world’



Sir Masood Ahmed, President Emeritus, Center for Global Development

Chair: Dr Jenny Gordon, Nonresident Fellow, Lowy Institute and Honorary Professor, Centre for Social Research and Methods, Australian National University

Following a quarter-century of unprecedented progress in global poverty reduction (1990-2015), international cooperation on development has entered a more contested era. The rise of China, emerging challenges like climate change and pandemics, the erosion of trust between the Global North and South, and the return of populism in the North have upended the “golden age” of development cooperation.

Masood will discuss these factors and the state of development in a new era of divergence, aiming to chart a course back to cooperation and growth in a new global context.

12.00PM LUNCH

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Panel 5a - The end of the development era: causes, consequences and pathways forward

*Molonglo Theatre**

The relative peace of the past 70 years has delivered stability and unique development opportunities. But the prosperity-enhancing order that was built on this base is decaying. In response, Western countries, particularly in the Anglo-sphere, have sought to bolster security alliances and norms, and restructure trade rules. But they have also turned their backs on a global social contract that delivered regional and global public goods, serious sustained collaboration on common problems, and substantial development cooperation. Australia's repudiation of that global social contract is corroding the order the West wants to save.

Australia must rediscover creative middle power diplomacy and shape it for a multipolar world. This requires re-engaging on development with a different mindset, different perspectives and different instruments to overcome the growing litany of challenges that risk overwhelming us, our neighbours, and regional and global order itself.

Chair: Professor Caitlin Byrne, Pro Vice Chancellor (Business), Griffith University

Panelists:

Richard Moore, Principal Strategist, Positive Influence

Dr Benjamin Day, Lecturer, Department of International Relations, Coral Bell School of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University

Jacqui De Lacy, Chief Global Development Officer, Abt Global

Panel 5b – Governance, crime and development: addressing the human impact of scam networks in Southeast Asia

*Weston Theatre***

In recent years scam operations and human trafficking have plagued the poorest nations of mainland Southeast Asia. These centres have sprung up in areas of Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar with weak or contested governance. Financed using significant Chinese private capital, these criminal activities have not just impacted Southeast Asia but have fleeced billions of dollars globally. The centres are run through cheap labour supplied by human trafficking rings that have exploited people from across Asia, Africa and Western nations.

This panel brings together researchers and experts to examine the activities of Southeast Asia's scam centres, the response of neighbouring countries and international organisations, and the broader implications for regional stability and development, including the role of regional donors such as Australia.

Chair: Nathan Shea, Assistant Director, Conflict and Fragility, The Asia Foundation

Panelists:

Professor Pinkeaw Laungaramsri, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

Dr Lucia Pietropaoli, Team Leader, ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking Program

Laure Siegel, Investigative journalist, Visual Rebellion

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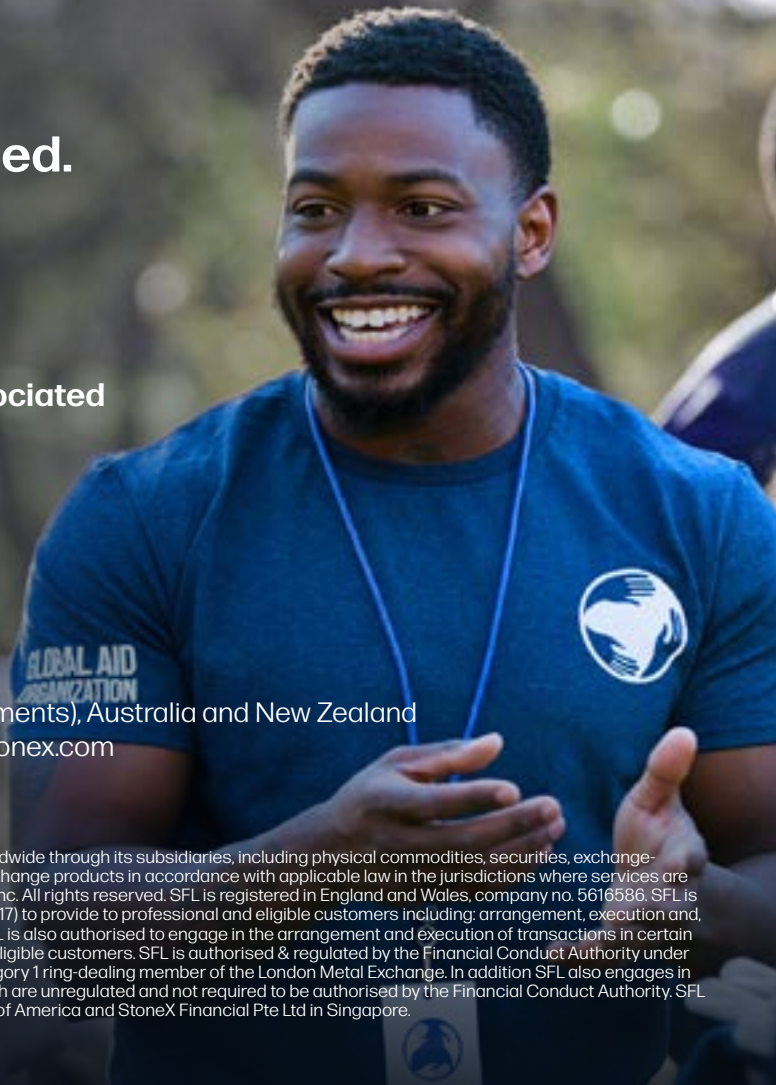


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Panel 5c – The practice of localisation and inclusion

*Barton Theatre***

The practice of localisation and inclusion demands substantial resources, including skilled personnel who understand both the technical aspects and the local context. Moreover, it requires a nuanced understanding of power dynamics and potential unintended consequences.

This proposed panel session will reflect on experiences and lessons in three countries through three different lenses: a donor (Global Affairs Canada in PNG); a managing contractor (SMEC in Indonesia); and an NGO (Cufa in Cambodia). In these diverse country settings, the effective promotion of GEDSI in the context of localisation has involved partnerships with local stakeholders, including community leaders, local civil society organisations and government agencies.

Chair: Darian Clark, Chief Executive Officer, Cufa

Panelists:

Alex Croyle, Manager, Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, Global Affairs Canada

Corin Mitchell, Global Executive Director, Surbana Jurong Group

Rany Teng, Cambodia Country Manager, Cufa [online]

Panel 5d – A regional crisis: how technology is being used to exacerbate gender-based violence

Acton Theatre

Most people are familiar with the terms online abuse or cyber bullying, however less so the term Technology Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV). TFGBV is impacting about 85 per cent of women globally, especially high-profile women such as politicians, sportswomen, and women in media. The endemic nature of TFGBV in the region needs to be better understood and urgently addressed.

In the absence of formal research, in the Pacific and Asia regions approaches like *talanoa* storytelling are being used to garner enough information and data, to fast-track evidence-based advocacy and lobbying for more resource mobilisation to better address TFGBV.

Chair: Jacqui Berrell, Communications Adviser, Pacific Women Lead, The Pacific Community (SPC)

Panelists:

'Ofa Guttenbeil-Likiliki, Director, Women and Children Crisis Centre, Tonga

Mereseini Rakuita, Principal Strategic Lead, Pacific Women and Girls, SPC

Rabindra Gautam, Technical Advisor, Pacific Regional Child Protection and Child Governance, Save the Children

Isabelle Glover, Policy and Project Officer, International Engagement, eSafety Commissioner, Australian Government

Panel 5e – Enabling civic space in Asia

Brindabella Theatre

Australia's international development policy recognised the importance of civic space to effective and accountable states through its commitment to establish a new mechanism to support civil society in the region. However, understanding the ever-changing nature of civic spaces across the region, and both the new and longstanding challenges that such spaces face are critical to ensuring any support is effective.

This panel will explore both the current state of civic space in Asia, and emerging approaches and lessons as to how it can best be supported.

Chair: Peter Yates, Australia Representative and Regional Director (Governance), The Asia Foundation

Panelists:

Yolani Fernando, Executive Director, Arutha, Sri Lanka

Mandakini Surie, Independent Consultant

Panel 5f – Effectiveness and impact in tertiary education programs

Lennox Room

Building partnerships for transformative innovation in agricultural research for development: learnings from fifteen years of ACIAR’s postgraduate scholarships program

Dr Richard Markham, Agroecology Consultant and former Research Program Manager, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research

A mixed-methods study on women’s participation in post-secondary STEM education and careers in Cambodia

Saokeo Khantey You, Research Associate, Cambodia Development Resource Institute

Bridging the leadership gap: advancing women’s roles in health through an innovative partnership

Nicole Murphy, Lead, Women in Health Leadership Project, The Fred Hollows Foundation and Thuy Vy Nguyen, PhD Candidate, Centre for Health Research and Implementation, Monash University

Chair: Dr Terence Wood, Fellow, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

2.30PM AFTERNOON TEA

3.00PM

Panel 6a – Forecasters, unite! Anticipating and meeting the needs of the future development sector

*Molonglo Theatre**

It’s the year 2040. What does our development sector look like? Who are we working with? What needs are we responding to? Is it enough? Do we, as a sector, have a shared view of our future capability needs? And, most importantly, what would we go back and tell our 2024 selves?

This panel will explore how the development sector can proactively prepare for future challenges by anticipating emerging needs, adopting innovative tools, and drawing on global best practices.

Chair: Ben Clare, Disability Inclusion Lead, Exemplar International Development

Panelists:

Nathan Hansford, Chief Executive Officer, International Development Contractors Community

Noha Hussein, Chief Global Growth Officer, DT Global

Sara Webb, Director, Duniya Consulting

Bridi Rice, Chief Executive Officer, Development Intelligence Lab

Panel 6b – Negotiating digital development: Timor-Leste, Indonesia and regional civic space

*Weston Theatre***

Navigating the impact of the Timor-Leste submarine cable: who’s in the chat group?

Aaron Kearney, Director, Engagement and Programs and Laura McDowell, Research Analyst, Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Building digital sandbags: enabling independent internet research and response in Asia

Sumaya Saluja, Program Manager (Governance) and Toni Friedman, Assistant Director (Tech Policy), The Asia Foundation [online]

Data in development: the political economy of objective facts

Grace Palayukan, Data and Analytic Lead, Synergies and Collaboration for Service Delivery Acceleration Program (SKALA), Indonesia

Chair: Dr Amanda H A Watson, Fellow, Department of Pacific Affairs, Coral Bell School of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University

** Session will be livestreamed*

*** Hybrid session*

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Panel 6c – Case studies in participatory research from the Pacific and Southeast Asia

Barton Theatre

Understanding voter motivations in Vanuatu through adaptive research

Seman Saraken, Senior Governance and Leadership Coordinator, Department of Women's Affairs, Government of Vanuatu and Wilson Toa, Country Manager, Balance of Power, Vanuatu

Turning the tide: worker organising and the future of labour in seafood

Dr Hasriadi (Ary) Masalam, Program Advisor, Freedom Fund, Indonesia

Empowering women in leadership positions through development aid: evidence from female councillors and civil servants at the sub-national level in three provinces in Cambodia

Sophany San, Gender Specialist, GIZ Cambodia

Advancing gender equality through decolonial research and knowledge generation: experience from the WEAVERS research project

Dr Sepoe Orovu, Gender equity and social inclusion specialist, PNG [online]

Chair: Dr Sonia Palmieri, Senior Fellow, Department of Pacific Affairs, Coral Bell School of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University

Panel 6d – Localising humanitarian preparedness and response in disasters and conflict

Acton Theatre

Culture and displacement management: lessons from the 2017-2018 Ambae island evacuations, Vanuatu

Anna Naupa, PhD Candidate, School of Culture, History and Language, Australian National University

Bridging the gap: pre-positioning response funding for rapid humanitarian action

Jason Brown, Partnership Director, Australian Humanitarian Partnership Support Unit and Alex Overett, Disaster READY Coordinator, CARE Australia

Helping children catch up: Save the Children's experience in providing education in conflicts

Nora Cherif Chefchaoui, Lead Principal Advisor (Education), Save the Children Australia

Chair: Naomi Brooks, Humanitarian and Public Engagement Lead, Australian Council for International Development

Panel 6e – Women environmental defenders as solidarity movements for climate justice

Brindabella Theatre

Natural and human-made disasters trigger global climate change, and one of the reasons is poor environmental governance at the national and regional levels. Women are often excluded from local-land management decisions and on most issues of land and forest governance. They have limited access to information and processes that determine the fate of their forest and land. With their close relationship with the environment, increasing women's participation in decision-making is vital.

This panel will share The Asia Foundation's work to support and strengthen inclusive environmental movements led by women working to protect land and territory while supporting sustainable livelihoods. This session will focus on learnings from Indonesia and the Philippines to empower women's forest and climate leadership and highlight the importance of investing in women's environmental networks and movements for justice, especially those led by Indigenous women.

Chair: Christine Antoniette Ramos, Senior Program Officer, The Asia Foundation, The Philippines

Panelists:

Rahpriyanto Alam Surya Putra, Program Director, Environmental Governance Unit, The Asia Foundation, Indonesia

Marwiza Farhan, Director, The Hutan Alam and Konservasi Aceh (HAKA)

Cristi Marie Nozawa, Executive Director, The Samdhana Institute

Panel 6f – Health and social protection: regional experience and lessons from COVID-19

Lennox Room

Investing in social protection for good times and bad: an assessment of social protection financing in the Pacific and Timor-Leste

Jesse Doyle, Senior Social Protection Specialist (Economist), Partnerships for Social Protection

Complex direct cash transfers and aid management during COVID-19: lessons-learned from the villages of Indonesia

Mirza Fanzikri, PhD Student, Faculty of Social Sciences, Universitas Islam Internasional, Indonesia

Assessing the lasting household socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in PNG

Dr Darian Naidoo, Economist, Poverty and Equity Global Practice, World Bank

Health for All in action: lessons from Taiwan's international health partnerships

Yu-Jie Li, Assistant Specialist and Ching-Wan Tseng, Junior Specialist, International Cooperation and Development Fund, Taiwan

Chair: Dr Ryan Edwards, Deputy Director, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

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4.30PM

PLENARY PANEL

Molonglo Theatre*

[Overflow: Weston Theatre and Barton Theatre]

Three-Minute Aid Pitches (3MAPs)

Chair: Anthea Mulakala, Senior Director, International Development Cooperation, The Asia Foundation

Contestants:

- Martina Zapf: 'Organisational culture: the missing piece in the locally-led development puzzle'
- Nicol Herbert: 'Making cents: reforming how the aid sector delivers cash'
- Stephen Kidd: 'From history to action: universal social protection for all in the Asia-Pacific'
- Natasha Turia: '2025: the perfect time for an Australia-PNG Engagement Visa'
- Ujjwal Krishna: 'Informing the "official mind": re-thinking who to listen to and what to believe'
- Jack Hennessey: 'Using beneficiary surveys to improve aid effectiveness'

Closing remarks

5.15PM

Closing reception

Crawford School courtyard



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As world leaders in agricultural research, Australian scientists are encouraged and supported to use their skills for the benefit of partner countries while at the same time contributing to solutions to meet Australia's own agricultural challenges.

The diversity of our own agriculture sector, which extends from the tropics to the arid zone and to cool temperate continues to thrive while operating in highly variable and challenging climates with minimal external subsidies. This suggests the Australian agricultural sector has valuable knowledge and expertise to share with other countries facing similar challenges, including farmers, rural poor, consumers, researchers and policymakers.

Since 1982, ACIAR has supported research projects in the Indo-Pacific region. Our research projects focus on agribusiness, climate change, crops, fisheries, forestry, horticulture, livestock systems, social systems, soil and land management, and water.

To date, ACIAR has commissioned more than 1,500 research projects in approximately 35 countries, partnering with more than 400 institutions, including 60 Australian research organisations in any one year.

We broker, facilitate, invest in and manage strategic partnerships with public and private research institutions to improve the productivity and sustainability of agricultural systems and the resilience of food systems in partner countries.

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Cadmus is compelled to help solve the world's most challenging problems. Our approach to sustainable development focuses on digital transformation, economic growth and trade, governance, climate and resilience, and gender and social inclusion.

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The Centre for Humanitarian Leadership (CHL) is transforming humanitarian leaders and influencing how organisations, and the system respond to an increasingly complex world.

By elevating local actors, centring the agency of affected communities, respecting diverse perspectives and furthering social justice, CHL strives to nurture a new generation of leaders in a world gripped by change and turmoil.

CHL is an innovative collaboration between Deakin University and Save the Children Australia.

We offer:

- accredited university courses and pathways through Deakin University
- leadership development and training programs for humanitarian professionals, incorporating mentoring and coaching, available in English, French, Ukrainian, Polish and Arabic
- Academic research and policy insights, focusing around three pillars: pedagogy, leadership development and systems transformation
- Globally recognised events and the ability to convene diverse audiences for challenging conversations

The result is a rich community of leaders dedicated to teaching, understanding, analysing, demonstrating, interrogating and constantly refining what it means to be an effective humanitarian leader.

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The Lab is a think tank working on development cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. We're convinced that great development cooperation comes from unusual collaborations, inspired leadership, good natured debate, and cracking analysis.

We inspire ideas and debate, as well as solve live development challenges. Development cooperation is our clear focus – but we're constantly situating it within the broader terrain of Australian foreign policy, the geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific, and – most importantly – the perspectives, insights and intelligence of people in the region.

The Lab is a world-class team of analysts and problem solvers with a breadth of experience ranging from on-the-ground development programming to government policymaking across the foreign policy, development, justice, and security domains. Ultimately, we aspire to be the premier link between Indo-Pacific peace, development and security insights, and those in the tough business of making decisions about how Australia provides its support.

We produce:

The Intel, a barometer for Indo-Pacific development issues with one topical question a fortnight and three expert responses.

The Readout, a podcast series where we take you behind the scenes to hear the conversations we have along the way.

The Pulse Check, delivering expert insights directly to Government as our participants are asked to make the tough choices faced by policymakers.

Our Analysis, the home of cutting-edge Lab commentary on live policy problems facing Australian development cooperation in the region.

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SMEC's International Development expertise spans the following areas:

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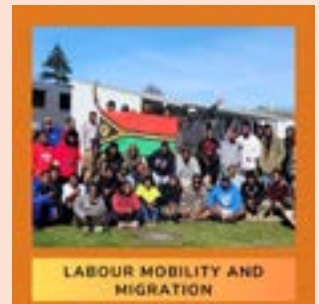
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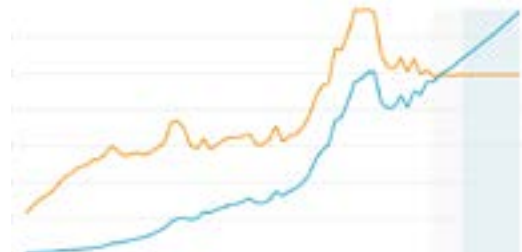
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