



CRAWFORD SCHOOL DIALOGUE

# *Doubling Australian Aid*

**A conference hosted by the Development Policy Centre of the Crawford School, Australian National University**

Molonglo Theatre, JG Crawford Building (No. 132), Lennox Crossing, Australian National University

These are unprecedented times for Australian aid which, after a long period of decline and stagnation, doubled between 2005 and last year, and, under the current bipartisan consensus, will double again by 2015. The Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness has been commissioned by the Government to review the first doubling, and make recommendations for the second.

The “Doubling Australian Aid” conference aims to ensure that the Review builds on the best and most recent evidence base available. The one-day conference, which will be attended by Review Panel members, will bring together the latest research on Australian aid.

Topics to be covered include: the determinants of aid effectiveness; the rapidly changing aid landscape; project and country-level case studies; and the future of aid in the Pacific. Speakers include many of Australia’s leading aid researchers, and also a number of very experienced aid practitioners.

Attend this first-of-its-kind conference and be part of the new aid debate.

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# Program

<b>9:30am – 10:00am</b>	<b>Coffee and registration</b>
<b>10:00am – 10:05am</b> Molonglo Theatre	<b>Welcome</b> Tom Kompas, Director, Crawford School
<b>10:05am – 10:45am</b> Molonglo Theatre	<b>AUSAID REFORMS</b> Peter Baxter, Director General, Australian Agency for International Development  <b>Chair:</b> Tom Kompas, Director, Crawford School
<b>10:45am – 11:20am</b> Molonglo Theatre	<b>WHAT MATTERS FOR AID EFFECTIVENESS?</b> Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre This session sets the context for the conference. It provides an overview of the determinants of aid effectiveness, and reflects on the nature of the evidence for effectiveness.  <b>Chair:</b> Odo Tevi, Vanuatu Reserve Bank Governor
<b>11:20am – 11:40am</b>	<b>Tea break</b>
<b>11:40am – 12:30pm</b> Molonglo Theatre	<b>PANEL 1: THE RAPIDLY CHANGING AID SCENE</b> The aid world is far from static. Traditional donors are changing where and how they give aid. New donors – both public and private sector – are entering the field. New calls are being made on aid funding, including climate change. What are the main trends and what are the implications?  <b>Aid innovations</b> Matt Morris, Research Fellow, Crawford School (with Jonathon Pryke, Research Associate, Development Policy Centre)  <b>Emerging donors</b> Sean Burges, Lecturer in International Relations, School of Politics and International Relations, ANU  <b>New directions in non-government aid</b> Chris Roche, Director, Development Effectiveness, Oxfam Australia and Adjunct Associate Professor, Institute for Human Security, La Trobe University  <b>Chair:</b> Andrew Macintyre, Dean, College of Asia and the Pacific
<b>12:30am – 1:40am</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:40am – 2:30pm</b> Molonglo Theatre Parallel Session	<b>PANEL 2A: ASIAN CASE-STUDIES</b> The use of detailed case-studies to draw lessons on aid effectiveness is one of the most promising avenues of research. The first parallel session presents three new case studies from Asia.  <b>Aid and the Asian tsunami</b> Peter McCawley, Visiting Fellow, Arndt-Corden Division, Crawford School  <b>The role of aid in Asia's development: learning from success</b> Stephen Smith, Principal Economist, Access Economics.  <b>Delivering Australian aid to Afghanistan</b> Michele Lipner, member of the ACFID Afghanistan Working Group, and formerly ACFID Secondee to the Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence  <b>Chair:</b> Margaret Callan, Visiting Research Fellow, Crawford School

**1:40pm - 2:30pm**  
**Weston Theatre**  
**Parallel Session**

**PANEL 2B: GLOBAL CASE-STUDIES**

The second parallel session presents three case studies from around the world.

**Is there a micro-macro paradox in international aid, or do the data deceive?**

Cate Rogers, Research Associate, Development Policy Centre and formerly Director, Office of Development Effectiveness, AusAID.

**Australian aid to Africa: lessons from Malawi**

Aaron Batten, Economist, Debt and Aid Management Division,  
Ministry of Finance, Malawi

**The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: business versus bureaucracy in international development**

Ian Anderson, Director, Ian Anderson Economics.

**Chair:** Mark Baird, formerly Vice-President, World Bank

**2:30pm - 3:20pm**  
**Molonglo Theatre**  
**Parallel Session**

**PANEL 3A: AID AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

Climate change is one of the potential game-changers for aid. These two papers present a macro and micro level of how the climate change and aid worlds might collide.

**Climate finance and aid: implications for Australia**

Jonathan Pickering, Research Associate, Development Policy Centre

**Reducing tropical deforestation: lessons from the Kalimantan Forest Carbon Partnership**

Erik Olbrei, Research Associate, Development Policy Centre

**Chair:** Frank Jotzo, Director Climate Change Economics and Policy Centre, Crawford School

**2:30pm - 3:20pm**  
**Weston Theatre**  
**Parallel Session**

**PANEL 3B: PACIFIC AID ANALYSIS**

This session presents analyses of aid to the Pacific, using a variety of qualitative and quantitative techniques.

**Lessons from the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI)**

Sinclair Dinnen, Senior Fellow, State, Society and Governance in Melanesia

**Does the Pacific get too much aid?**

Simon Feeny, Associate Professor, Economics, RMIT.

**Aid to Vanuatu: successes and failures**

Nik Soni, Chair, Pacific Institute of Public Policy

**Chair:** Annmarée O'Keefe, Research Fellow, Lowy Institute and Research Associate, Development Policy Centre

**3:20pm - 3:40pm**  
**Tea Break**

**3:40pm - 4:40pm**  
**Molonglo Theatre**

**PANEL 4: THE PACIFIC - AID AND INTEGRATION**

Australia's aid began in the Pacific, but what is the future of aid to the Pacific? Should it also double, or is the Pacific already over-aided?

Satish Chand, Professor, School of Business, UNSW@ADFA  
Manjula Luthria, Senior Economist, World Bank

John Gibson, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Waikato

Kalio Tavola, formerly Fiji's Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Board Member, Pacific Institute of Public Policy

**Chair:** Richard Marles, MP, Parliamentary Secretary for the Pacific

**4:40pm – 5:30pm**  
**Molonglo Theatre**

**PANEL 5: PRACTITIONERS' PANEL: REFLECTIONS ON AID**

This panel concludes the conference with reflections from a distinguished panel of aid practitioners.

Bob McMullan, formerly Parliamentary Secretary for International Development, and Adjunct Professor, Crawford School

Jane Thomason, Director, JTA International and Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Population Health, University of Queensland.

Mark Baird, formerly Vice-President, World Bank

**Chair:** Matt Morris, Research Fellow, Crawford School and Deputy Director, Development Policy Centre

**5:30pm**

**Close of Conference**

Sandy Hollway, Chair, Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness

**Chair:** Stephen Howes

**Drinks**