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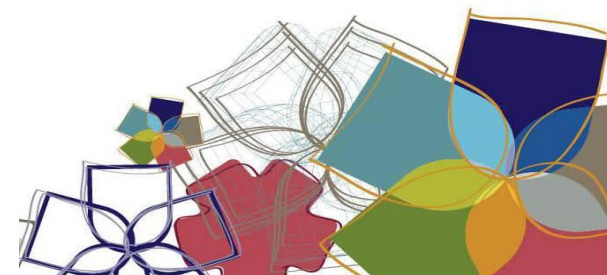
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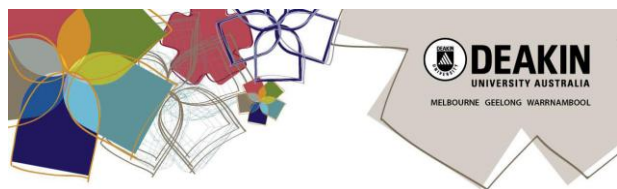


Call for papers

An Australian Approach to Development? People, Practice and Policy.

**December 12-13 2011
Burwood Campus**





ACFID – Universities Linkage Network Conferences

An Australian Approach to Development? People, Practice and Policy

This conference provides an opportunity for the Australian aid sector to critically reflect on its own policy and practice.

Papers on the following topics are welcome:

- Australian engagement in different regions
- Australian NGOs as Partners
- Evaluation and Monitoring
- Civil society
- Gender
- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Health
- Disaster Preparedness and Response
- Climate change

Papers that provide a non-Australian perspective are also warmly invited. Papers and Panels on other relevant topics are also invited.

Background

Using the most common measure, over one billion of the world's population live in poverty and exist on less than US\$1.25 a day (and nearly 3 billion live on less than US\$2 a day). More than one billion people around the globe do not have access to safe water, 115 million children do not attend primary school and 10 million children die each year of preventable illness. For those living in these circumstances, life is characterised by premature death, preventable illnesses, limited access to clean water and sanitation, economic insecurity, and illiteracy.

Australians are generous in responding to those experiencing such poverty.

Australian aid flows are valued at over AUD5 billion annually, of which nearly AUD1 billion is raised by non-governmental organisations. Australian aid is expended across the globe.

In the recent past there has been great consideration of the effectiveness of both the Australian aid program as well as Australian NGOs. This scrutiny and accountability is appropriate given the importance of this work. What is less considered though is whether there is a distinctive Australian approach to development.

This conference will consider the 'Australian Approach to Development'. It will consider how development is understood by Australian aid agencies, how it is practiced by Australian agencies,

and it will consider the Australian policies that drive it. This conference will question what Australian aid agencies are doing and why. It will question how Australian aid agencies approach a range of issues including aid modalities, ethics of development, bi- and multi-lateral engagement, and the sectoral focii of Australian aid, etc. The conference also allows space for conference participants to discuss different regions (Pacific, Asia, and Africa), sectors (gender, WASH, HIV and AIDS), disaster management and responses, as well as larger questions of the conception of poverty. Perhaps most importantly, this conference also invites people from outside of Australia to provide a critical reflection on what Australian aid agencies are doing!

This conference will be of interest to those involved with Australian aid agencies, as well as practitioners, researchers and policy makers.

The conference will be held at Deakin University December 12-13, 2011 *in Victoria, Australia.*

