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.
9:30am - 10:00am  Coffee and registration

10:00am - 10:05am  Welcome
Tom Kompas, Director, Crawford School

10:05am - 10:45am  AUSAID REFORMS
Peter Baxter, Director General, Australian Agency for International Development
Chair: Tom Kompas, Director, Crawford School

10:45am - 11:20am  WHAT MATTERS FOR AID EFFECTIVENESS?
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.
Chair: Odo Tevi, Vanuatu Reserve Bank Governor

11:20am - 11:40am  Tea break

11:40am - 12:30pm  PANEL 1: THE RAPIDLY CHANGING AID SCENE
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?

Aid innovations
Matt Morris, Research Fellow, Crawford School (with Jonathon Pryke, Research Associate, Development Policy Centre)

Emerging donors
Sean Burges, Lecturer in International Relations, School of Politics and International Relations, ANU

New directions in non-government aid
Chris Roche, Director, Development Effectiveness, Oxfam Australia and Adjunct Associate Professor, Institute for Human Security, La Trobe University
Chair: Andrew Macintyre, Dean, College of Asia and the Pacific

12:30am - 1:40am  Lunch

1:40am - 2:30pm  PANEL 2A: ASIAN CASE-STUDIES
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.

Aid and the Asian tsunami
Peter McCawley, Visiting Fellow, Arndt-Corden Division, Crawford School

The role of aid in Asia’s development: learning from success
Stephen Smith, Principal Economist, Access Economics.

Delivering Australian aid to Afghanistan
Michele Lipner, member of the ACFID Afghanistan Working Group, and formerly ACFID Secondee to the Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence
Chair: Margaret Callan, Visiting Research Fellow, Crawford School
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

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

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: Annmaree O’Keeffe, Research Fellow, Lowy Institute and Research Associate, Development Policy Centre

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

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**5:30pm**

**Close of Conference**

Sandy Hollway, Chair, Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness

**Chair:** Stephen Howes

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**Drinks**