

AIDN's one-pager for: international development policy-makers, regulators and government.

AIDN recognises the critical role that international development policy-makers, regulators and government play in helping to address global inequity alongside philanthropists, corporates and businesses, and nonprofit organisations. Everyone's contribution is valuable.

AIDN assists policy-makers, regulators and government here in Australia by sharing the latest knowledge and resources, as well as bringing together sector leaders in international development. AIDN supports policy-makers, regulators and governments to achieve their international development objectives by fostering an environment for “more” and “better” giving and investing from Australia to international causes: whether it be through research, policy submissions, leadership, networking, events, webinars or media.

If you are an international development policy-maker, regulator or in government and would like to hear more about our events, please sign up [here](#).

You can also...



Catch up on AIDN's webinars and events featuring international development policy-makers, regulators and government:

- AIDN's "Global Development Leadership Series" ([August 2024](#); [October 2024](#); [March 2025](#)). The Global Development Leadership Dialogue Series is a joint initiative of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and the Australian International Development Network (AIDN). The series brings together senior leaders from across Australia representing government, international NGOs (INGOs) and private capital.
- In January 2025, Donald Trump signed an executive order freezing all foreign development assistance for 90 days. From March 2025 onwards, AIDN hosted a series of [Emergency Briefing webinars](#) and roundtables with Philanthropy Australia, Unlock AID, Adara Development and World Vision Australia.
- AIDN's and XSPI's "[Locally led development in Papua New Guinea: Looking to community driven solutions](#)" 2025 webinar. Alongside an expert panel, in this webinar AIDN explores the dynamics of development in Papua New Guinea, where substantial foreign aid, particularly from Australia, has yet to translate into meaningful community-level impact.
- AIDN's "[Resilience amidst turmoil - Myanmar at three years post-coup](#)" 2024 webinar. Led by AIDN, an expert panel discusses the historical roots of Myanmar's conflict and sheds light on the staggering toll on ordinary people over the last three years. The panel considers the outlook for the country, providing insights into the challenges and potential paths towards resolution.



Catch up on AIDN's policy submissions and responses:

- April 2025: "Holding down the fort but a missed opportunity for leadership: AIDN's response to the Australian Government's Federal Budget 2025-26";
- November 2024: "Timely and inclusive but implementation remains elusive: AIDN's response to the Australian Government's new Humanitarian Policy";
- August 2024: "AIDN's wrap up and response to the Productivity Commission's inquiry into Australian Philanthropy final report: "Future foundations for giving";
- February 2024: "Australian International Development Network's response to the Productivity Commission's inquiry into Australian Philanthropy Draft report: "Future foundations for giving";
- September 2023: "Australian International Development Network (AIDN)'s submission to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)'s public call to inform the new International Gender Equality Strategy";
- August 2023: "AIDN summarises and responds to Australia's new Development Finance Review";
- May 2023: "Philanthropy at a pivotal crossroads: Why we need to foster an inclusive Australian philanthropic culture. Australian International Development Network Submission to Philanthropy Productivity Commission"; and
- December 2022: "AIDN's Submission on Australia's International Development Policy".

Looking for strategic advice on international development policy-making and regulation?

- AIDN's Better Giving Framework sets out what AIDN, and our network, have come to understand as the best "Guiding Principles" for international giving and investing today;
- ACFID is the peak body for Australian NGOs involved in international development and humanitarian action;
- The Development Intelligence Lab is a think tank working on development cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region;
- AP4D (Asia-Pacific Development, Diplomacy & Defence Dialogue) is a platform for collaboration between the development, diplomacy and defence communities;

- The ANU Development Policy Center is a think tank for aid and development serving Australia, the region, and the global development community. They undertake independent research and promote practical initiatives to improve the effectiveness of Australian aid, to support the development of Papua New Guinea and the Pacific island region, and to contribute to better global development policy. They also host the Annual Australasian AID Conference each year in Canberra.

Additional AIDN reading materials

- “DFAT’s new disability equity and rights strategy: An opportunity to shift the dial” - Jane Edge, CEO of CBM Australia, highlights the opportunity for Australia's “Disability Equity and Rights Strategy” to be ambitious, accountable and resourced on The AIDN Beat.
- “Responsible financial inclusion is key to protecting vulnerable clients in the Asia-Pacific region” - Shane Nichols, CEO of Good Return, calls for responsible and appropriate financial inclusion practices and principles to protect vulnerable clients in the Asia-Pacific region on The AIDN Beat.
- “Building shared value for development outcomes: The importance of Cross Sector Development Partnerships (CSPs)” - Zoey Diaz and Jasmine Stephens highlight the importance of CSPs for breaking down institutional and sectoral silos, and disrupting traditional development models by fostering the mutually beneficial exchange of skills, knowledge and resources on The AIDN Beat.



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