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EDUCATION EFFECTIVENESS AND COLLABORATION FORUM: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR BETTER AID EFFECTIVENESS, IMPROVED RESULTS AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Tuesday 13 March 2012

9:00am - 5:00pm

Great Hall, University House,
Australian National University

Development Policy
Centre

Crawford School
of Economics &
Government

The Education Effectiveness and Collaboration Forum will promote dialogue between the different actors involved in development assistance to the education sector – NGOs, donors, education providers, researchers and the private sector – on how more effective partnership can advance quality education for all children in the Asia Pacific region.

Education is considered the ‘flagship’ of the Australian aid program. With a commitment increasing to \$5 billion between now and 2015 Australia will become one of the top five bilateral donors for education.

The forum will consider the implications of lessons learned from recent research and thinking on aid effectiveness

in relation to improving the quality of education learning and the way partnerships can be developed in support of this. Participants will identify specific areas for immediate implementation and further investigation. There will be three round table sessions, each with a keynote presentation and three respondents, followed by open Q&A.



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TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2012

9am – 10am	Registration
10.00am – 10.15am	<p>Welcome Lynne Benson</p> <p>Chair: Tom Kompas</p>
10.15am – 11.00am	<p>Australian aid and education: challenges and opportunities to 2015 Peter Baxter (keynote)</p> <p>Chair: Tom Kompas</p>
11.00am – 11.20am	Morning tea
11.20am – 12.40pm	<p>Aid effectiveness: lessons for education Stephen Howes (keynote) David Coleman Rachel Outhred Robert Cannon</p> <p>Chair: Julia Newton-Howes</p>
12.40pm – 1.40pm	Lunch
1.40pm – 2.50pm	<p>Making partnerships work to reach the poorest and most disadvantaged children Desmond Bermingham (keynote) Richard Geeves Viktor Jakupec Sharon Bessell</p> <p>Chair: Anne Glover</p>
2.50pm – 3.10pm	Afternoon tea
3.10pm – 4.20pm	<p>How to work better together: making partnerships effective Morgana Ryan (keynote) Susan Harris Rimmer Paul Voutier Annie Chandler</p> <p>Chair: Fabia Shah</p>
4.20pm – 5.00pm	<p>Concluding discussion Desmond Bermingham David Howes</p> <p>Chair: Lynne Benson</p>
5.00pm	<p>Closing Remarks followed by refreshments</p> <p>Host: Stephen Howes</p>

Presenter Biographies

Peter Baxter

Peter Baxter was appointed the Director-General of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) in May 2010. He had been Acting Director-General since July 2009. Prior to this, Peter filled senior positions in DFAT, including First Assistant Secretary of the Consular, Public Diplomacy and Parliamentary Affairs Division, and First Assistant Secretary of the North Asia Division. He has served overseas in Australian missions in Suva, Honiara, Ho Chi Minh City and Washington.

Lynne Benson

Lynne Benson is the Head of International Development Programs for Save the Children Australia. She has been Regional Director Asia and Country Director in Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam for Save the Children. In Africa she has been Country Director in The Gambia and Kenya for VSO as well as establishing in-service teacher training in Nyandarua Province in Kenya. Her international development experience focusses on education, child protection and disaster risk reduction with publications in the two latter fields. A 'first life' as a teacher in the UK secondary school system in London grounds her in the education arena.

Sharon Bessell

Dr Sharon Bessell is a Senior Lecturer at the Crawford School of Economics and Government, The Australian National University, where she teaches in the area of social policy. Sharon's current research interests revolve around issues of social justice and human rights, and focus on two broad areas. She has worked in Australia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific as a researcher, with non-government organisations and as a consultant. Her research has focused on Australia, Indonesia and Fiji.

Desmond Bermingham

Desmond Bermingham was appointed Director of the Save the Children Education Global Initiative in September 2010. Prior to this, Desmond was Head of the Education for All-Fast Track Initiative (FTI) Secretariat at the World Bank in Washington. He has worked in the education sector as a teacher, teacher trainer, senior education adviser and researcher. Recently, Desmond was a Visiting Research Fellow at Oxford University and a Visiting Fellow at the Center for Global Development.

Robert Cannon

Robert Cannon's career has been in educational development at the University of Adelaide and in various education projects and assignments in 14 countries. Robert's review of education projects in Indonesia for the World Bank in 2008 drew lessons for change in basic education. He was co-author of a recent paper on change: 'Implementing School-Based Management in Indonesia: Impact and Lessons Learned', *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 3, 3, 2011.

Annie Chandler

Annie Chandler is Sustainability Manager for IKEA Retail Australia. After 10 years with IKEA working in store operations, Annie moved into her current role. She is responsible for ensuring that sustainability is an integrated part of IKEA's everyday business, through the education, motivation and inspiration of staff about what tomorrow could be like if we started living tomorrow today. She has a particular passion for waste management, energy efficiency and corporate partnerships and engagement.

David Coleman

Dr David Coleman is an Education Adviser for AusAID. He has extensive education in development experience, particularly in South-East Asia and the Pacific. David previously served as UNICEF Chief of Education in Cambodia, Education Adviser with the New Zealand Aid Program, and Education Specialist with the AusAID Education Resource Facility. He holds a doctorate in international education policy and program evaluation, and is co-author of the book *The United Nations and Education: Multilateralism, Development and Globalisation*.

Richard Geeves

Richard Geeves is the Chair of the ACFID Education Working Group and Manager, Development Effectiveness for Child Fund Australia. He worked as a teacher, teacher-educator and principal in the Northern Territory for nine years and then in Cambodia for 14 years, working in the education sector with NGO's, multi-lateral organisations and government.

Anne Glover

Dr Anne Glover is an international development specialist with extensive experience in the Asia Pacific region. She is also an education specialist with substantial experience in educational reform focusing on access and participation, and early childhood education. Anne's research has focused on the complex issues and challenges facing families and children. In Australia, her research work has been in partnership with Indigenous rural and remote communities, immigrant families and women in rural communities.

Susan Harris Rimmer

Dr Susan Harris Rimmer is the Manager of Advocacy and Development Practice at the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), the peak body for Australian development NGOs. She is Co-Chair of the ACFID University Linkages Steering Committee. She is also a Visiting Fellow at The Australian National University. She is the outgoing President of the national voluntary NGO, Australian Lawyers for Human Rights, and a former board member of UN Women National Committee Australia. She has fourteen years experience as a lawyer, researcher, campaigner and policy analyst (NCCA, ACFID, UNHCR and Parliament), most of which has been in the human rights, refugee and women's sectors.

David Howes

Dr David Howes is the General Manager of the Curriculum Division of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) with responsibility for the development of the curriculum for pre-school to senior secondary in Victoria. He previously worked for four years as a technical adviser on education sector aid and development projects in Cambodia and has also worked in the Middle East.

Stephen Howes

Professor Stephen Howes is the Director of the Development Policy Centre at the Crawford School of Economics and Government, The Australian National University, and Director of the International Development Economics teaching program, Crawford School. Prior to this, he was Chief Economist at the Australian Agency for International Development. He worked at the World Bank from 1994 to 2005, first in Washington and then in New Delhi, where he was Lead Economist for India.

Viktor Jakupec

Viktor Jakupec is Professor of Education at University of Potsdam. He has worked as education consultant and team leader for Asian Development Bank and World Bank funded projects in Asia. His current research interests focus on Political Economy Analysis and Impact Assessment for aid development.

Tom Kompas

Professor Tom Kompas is the Director of the Crawford School of Economics and Government and Professor of Economics at The Australian National University. He is also the Foundation Director of the Australian Centre for Biosecurity and Environmental Economics, and has dedicated much of his recent time to public policy in Australia. Until recently, he was a part-time Senior Economist at the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics, a Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities project leader on biosecurity and Editor-in-Chief of the Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

Julia Newton-Howes

Dr Julia Newton-Howes became Chief Executive of CARE Australia in October 2007. Julia is on the Board of CARE International and is Vice President of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). Julia joined CARE Australia from AusAID, where she was the Assistant Director General. While at AusAID, she was posted to Vietnam as Counsellor (Development Cooperation) and was an adviser for two years to Australia's Executive Director to the World Bank, based in Washington DC.

Rachel Outhred

Dr Rachel Outhred is a Senior Research Fellow at the Australian Council for Educational Research, Head of Knowledge Development for the AusAID Education Resource Facility and Project Director for the evaluation of Zimbabwe's Education Transition Fund commissioned by UNICEF Zimbabwe. She is also Co-Project Director for the Evaluation of the Impact of Social Norms on Student Equity project, commissioned by UNICEF's New York Headquarters. Rachel holds a PhD, a MA (International Development) and a Graduate Diploma in Education.

Morgana Ryan

Morgana Ryan is Asia Pacific Director, Accenture Development Partnerships. She has 15 years experience in strategic, business process and IT assignments in the private and development sectors. In recent years her focus has moved to the international development sector, working with a number of large international NGOs on the strategy and process issues faced by global organisations with significant geographic and programmatic footprints.

Fabia Shah

Fabia Shah is a Senior Education Expert with the AusAID Education Resources Facility (ERF). She has worked with a range of international agencies well as several NGOs in both Asia and the Pacific and has more than a decade of field experience. She has considerable experience working in senior education policy and management roles, (recently as AusAID Senior Education Advisor, Canberra and AusAID Senior Education Advisor, Islamabad) with specialist education expertise in fragile contexts and the areas of social inclusion, gender and disability.

Paul Voutier

Paul Voutier is Commercial Manager for Business for Millennium Development. He consults with Australian companies to help them build new businesses with poor communities in developing countries. Paul has managed both aid projects and businesses in Africa and Asia. He sees a broad range of opportunities for NGOs and donors to partner with companies to co-deliver development outcomes, including those related to education.

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