



**ACFID's sector e-bulletin** provides information to Australian aid and development NGOs.

### **New resources on ACFID website**

Five ACFID information sheets, the first in an ongoing series, are now available. They provide a snapshot of the issues around the topic discussed. The first information sheets are on human rights and development, international law and development, the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the Accra Agenda for Action and the global food crisis. <http://www.acfid.asn.au/resources/information-sheets>

### **Helen Clark appointed to head up UNDP**

Former New Zealand prime minister Helen Clark has been confirmed as the new head of the United Nations Development Program. The UN General Assembly approved the appointment on 31 March and Ms Clark will take up her new position on April 20. <http://www.undp.org/>

### **'Praxis' discussion/debate series**

The World Bank, in partnership with public affairs television channel A-Pac and *The Diplomat* magazine, launched a new monthly discussion series in 2009. Praxis aims to help stimulate development ideas and exchanges. Each session features three specialists and is filmed in front of a live audience. Content is played in full on Foxtel, as well as syndicated across TV stations in the Asia-Pacific region. <http://www.acfid.asn.au/praxis-discussion-debate-series>

### **New website to aid Pacific Islanders**

A new internet site has been set up by the Australian and NZ governments to help Pacific Islands people send remittance money back to their home islands. The website has been established in response to complaints from Pacific communities in both countries that some financial institutions have been charging a lot of money to transfer money overseas. <http://www.sendmoneypacific.org>

### **New HIV development strategy**

Announced by Minister Smith yesterday, the strategy will guide Australia in its commitment to achieving the UN MDG of halting and beginning to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and achieving universal access to HIV prevention, support care and treatment. [http://www.ausaid.gov.au/hottopics/topic.cfm?ID=6887\\_6868\\_3269\\_3720\\_333](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/hottopics/topic.cfm?ID=6887_6868_3269_3720_333)

### **ACFID training**

**Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop  
Sydney, 29-30 April; Melbourne, 5-6 May**  
The facilitator for this workshop will be Dr Paul Crawford, a senior monitoring and evaluation specialist and principal consultant for Aid-IT. Early bird special ends 15 April. <http://www.acfid.asn.au/training/acfid-training/m-and-e-May09>

### **Measuring Impact Senior Practitioners Seminar Melbourne, 14 May**

This seminar is aimed at senior practitioners who are experienced in monitoring and evaluation. Full details are now available at <http://www.acfid.asn.au/training/acfid-training/measuring-impact-may2009>

### **Other training**

#### **Working with Muslim Communities in International Development Melbourne, 14-15 May**

Aimed at people who have working relations with Muslim communities or Muslim majority countries, this IDSS workshop will provide an understanding of the socio-cultural issues affecting stakeholders. <http://www.idss.com.au/pages/1234745924.app>

### **Events**

#### **Meeting on advocacy for Palestine Melbourne, 16 April 1.30-4pm**

Chaired by Mr Izzat Abdel Hadi, Head of the General Palestinian Delegation to Australia, this meeting will explore how Australian NGOs are approaching advocacy for Palestine and discuss how the General Palestinian Delegation to Australia can work more closely with NGOs. RSVP Dr Jamileh Abu-Duhou: [JAbu-Duhou@australianvolunteers.com](mailto:JAbu-Duhou@australianvolunteers.com)

#### **Dignity, Equality and Inclusion Melbourne, 28 April 6-7.30pm**

A Human Rights Law Resource Centre and Australian Centre for Human Rights Education seminar with Prof Ron McCallum AO, Professor of Labour Law at Sydney Law School and an inaugural member of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. <http://www.hrlrc.org.au/events/upcoming/>

### **Jobs**

Visit our [job vacancies page](#) for current vacancies in the sector. <http://www.acfid.asn.au/get-involved/job-vacancies>