



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

AusAID/NGO Roundtable on Zimbabwe

AusAID wishes to update members of the NGO community on the Australian Government's current thinking on a possible response to Zimbabwe through the aid program. This consultation will also be an opportunity for AusAID to hear from NGOs about their perspectives on humanitarian response to Zimbabwe and their engagement with Zimbabwean partners. AusAID will hold the consultation in Canberra on **Friday, 20 February 2009** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm**. Please contact Cetana Das for further information (cdas@acfid.asn.au)

Control and Security of Funds

A final draft of new Control and Security of Funds guidance information has been sent to 30 selected agencies for comments. Responses have been requested by Thursday, 9 April 2009. The Code Management Team intends to disseminate the final Control and Security of Funds guidance information after ACFID Council 2009. If any organisation would like to contribute to the development of this guidance information, please contact the Code Management Team on 02 6281 9222 or email code@acfid.asn.au

Africa seen as a potentially important part in global economic stimulus plan

In a report issued recently by former UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, Chair of the Africa Progress Panel, Africa is seen as both at risk from the global economic crisis and potentially as an important part of the solution. Africa's medium to long-term prospects are better now than at any time since independence. It is important, however, that the international community maintains its financial and aid commitments to Africa. Investment opportunities in Africa remain, despite the credit crunch, and it is in the interest of both the private sector and Africa that they be seized.

<http://www.cgdev.org/content/article/detail/1421009/>

ACFID training

ACFID's *Accreditation* Training will be held in Melbourne and Sydney on 5 and 6 March. The workshops will give an overview of AusAID accreditation, the accreditation process and accreditation requirements. For details, see:

<http://www.acfid.asn.au/training/acfid-training/accreditation-mar09>

Member Information Forums (MIFs) will be held in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra on 18, 19 and 20 March, respectively. The topic for the MIFs is 'Volunteers in the Aid and Development Sector'.

<http://www.acfid.asn.au/training/acfid-training/mif-march-2009>

Other training

From Local to Global: Using the UN to achieve local change for women

Free one-day training workshops will be held for community workers on the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women during February and March. For further details:

<http://www.acfid.asn.au/training/other-training>

Events

Advocacy Seminar

World Vision Australia will hold one-day seminars in Melbourne (24 March 2009) and Sydney (27 March 2009) to examine the secrets of effective advocacy. Please contact Cetana Das (cdas@acfid.asn) for further information

Human Rights Watch Seminar

Associate Director of Human Rights Watch, Carroll Bogert, is presenting a seminar on *The Human Rights Spoilers and What To Do About Them* at 6.00pm on 2 March at Blake Dawson Waldron, Level 26, 181 William Street, Melbourne. Details and booking form are at: http://www.hrlrc.org.au/html/s02_article/article_vie.asp?id=442&nav_cat_id=140&nav_top_id=60

Jobs

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<http://www.acfid.asn.au/get-involved/job-vacancies>