

Welcome to the third ACFID University Linkages Conference

This conference aims to bring scholars and aid practitioners together to discuss important development issues and to explore the challenges to participatory development.

Participatory development involves including people who are affected by the development process as planners in that process and became very popular in the 1980s and 1990s as a response to globalization and neoliberal development policies. It is inspired by the work of Robert Chambers as a way of overcoming the shortcomings of top-down development and the limitations of expert research and planning. Participatory development's catch cry might be 'ordinary people know best'. It has, however, been criticized for being tokenistic and not been able to address the issues of top down development and more recently results-based planning, and the value for money development agenda. This conference will explore these issues from both an academic and practitioner perspectives.

In addition to the four keynote speakers we have 75 papers being presented, which provide examples of both good practice and also outlines the challenges faced by practitioners. The conference will end with what should be a lively panel of activists, NGOs and economists to debate the challenges.

Patrick Kilby

Conference Organiser
November 2012

Keynote Speakers

Prof Robert Chambers is a Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. He has worked on rural development in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia and is currently concentrating on the development and spread of the approaches and methods of participatory rural appraisal. He is author of *Rural Development: Putting the Last First*; and his latest book is: *Provocations for Development*.

Prof Gita Sen combines a distinguished academic career with policy advocacy and NGO activism. She is a professor at the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, India, and Adjunct Professor of Global Health and Population at the Harvard School of Public Health. Her recent work includes research and policy advocacy on the universal health care, the equity dimensions of health, and the gender dimensions of population policies. She is the author, co-author or co-editor of several books on these gender-related issues. She is a founding member of DAWN (Development Alternatives with Woman for a New Era).

Emele Duituturaga is a Pacific Islands gender and development specialist, academic, consultant and trainer. Emele has served in senior roles including CEO of the Fiji Ministry for Women, Social Welfare and Poverty Alleviation and Head of the Pacific Women's Resource Bureau for the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

Dr. Alan Fowler is an Emeritus Professor at the International Institute of Social Studies in the Hague and for more than thirty years an advisor to and writer on civil society organisations involved with international development. Now based in South Africa, his current advisory work focuses on reforms in the governance of international civil society alongside academic initiatives around the theme of Civic Driven Change (CDC), that is civic innovation stemming from citizens and their (in)formal associations.

| Time | DAY ONE: Wednesday 28 th November | |
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| 7:30 | Arrival of delegates | |
| 7:30 – 9:00 am | Registration | |
| 9.00 am | Welcome Gareth Evans Chancellor, AC | |
| 9:15 am | Keynote Address Prof Robert Chambers <i>Participation for Development: A good time to be alive</i> (Q&A 10:00–10:30) Chair: Marc Purcell, Executive Director, Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) | |
| 10:30 am | <i>Morning Tea</i> | |
| 11:00 –12.30pm | Parallel Session 1.1 Gender Chair: Tahmina Rashid, Associate Professor International Studies, University of Canberra | Lecture Theatre 1 (496) |
| | 1. Cathy Vaughan, The University of Melbourne and Eileen Darby, World Vision <i>Method in the madness: using participatory approaches to research gender change across diverse country contexts</i> | |
| | 2. Deborah Elkington, Plan International Australia and Lee Leong, Plan International Australia <i>Participatory gender monitoring – sharing learnings from Plan’s WASH program</i> | |
| | 3. Joyce Wu, Australian National University <i>Creating MAD (Men and Development) Men? A feminist reflection of anti-violence against women projects in Afghanistan, Pakistan & Timor Leste</i> | |
| | Parallel Session 1.2 Children and Youth Chair: Meghan Cooper, Research Advisor, Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) | Lecture Theatre 4 (81) |
| | 1. Kelly Royds, ChildFund Australia <i>Children and Participatory Video: Responding to children’s voices</i> | |
| | 2. Georgia Noy & Fatima Soares, Save the Children in Timor Leste <i>Barriers to Children’s Participation</i> | |
| | 3. Sharon Bessell, Australian National University (ANU) <i>‘Having a say on education’: Insights from participatory research with children and young people in Fiji</i> | |
| | 4.. Raul Caceres, ChildFund Australia <i>Rapid development and user-centred design techniques used for participatory program design involving children: Lessons and challenges</i> | |
| | Parallel Session 1.3 Monitoring and Evaluation | Lecture Theatre 5 (83) |

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| | <p>Chair: Chris Roche, Chair in International Development, La Trobe University</p> <p>1. Nicholas Bates, Albion Street Centre <i>Monitoring and evaluation of HIV capacity building: communities taking the lead</i></p> <p>2. Katie Chalk, World Vision International <i>Ideal versus actual: a comparative study of the application and results of World Vision's External Stakeholder Assessment methodology</i></p> <p>3. John Donnelly, donnelly consultants <i>Narrowing the Gap Between Grassroots Rhetoric and Top-Down Practice in Community Development: a Simple Methodology Shows that it's not difficult</i></p> |
| | <p>4. K.I.H. Sanjeevanie, Center for Poverty Analysis <i>Participation towards building sustainability in delivering service provisions (Lessons learnt, from an action research project: Community-based assessment and improvement of the living environment in underserved settlements and their environs: The case of Gothamipura-Colombo, Sri Lanka)</i></p> |
| | <p>Parallel Session 1.4 Participatory Governance Lecture Theatre 6 (76)</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Patrick Kilby, Co-coordinator Master of Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development (MAAPD), Australian National University (ANU)</p> <p>1. Sulika Asmorowati, University of Melbourne Australia <i>Bureaucratic Reform for Participatory Development: The interface of Bureaucracy and Community in the Implementation of the National Program for Community Empowerment Urban (PNPM Urban) in Surabaya, Indonesia</i></p> <p>2. Susan Engel, University of Wollongong <i>Shaming as Participatory Development: Community-Led Sanitation in Indonesia</i></p> <p>3. Jodie Goodman, Murdoch University <i>Patterns of Participation and power dynamics of social capital inspired projects – case studies from Indonesia.</i></p> |
| | <p>Parallel Session 1.5 Community Participation Lecture Theatre 3 (336)</p> <p>Chair: Mark Webster, Program Effectiveness Director, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)</p> <p>1. Jackie Robertson ChildFund Australia and Sally Asker, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology, Sydney <i>Child and Youth Participation- A Methodology Guided by Moral Values or A Firm Evidence Base? Exploring the Linkages Between Child and Youth Participation and Development Effectiveness.</i></p> <p>2. Max Kelly, International Development, Deakin University <i>What Role for Local NGOs in Rural Livelihoods in Timor Leste?</i></p> <p>3. Sango Mahanty, Australian National University <i>Risk perceptions and Community responses to pollution in Vietnam's craft villages</i></p> |

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| | <p>Parallel Session 1.6 ACFID Code of Conduct Hanna-Neumann</p> <p>Chair: Georgina O’Hare, Program Quality & Effectiveness Adviser, Save the Children Australia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick Kilby School of Archaeology and Anthropology Australian National University <i>History and Background;</i> Sue-Anne Wallace, Chair of ACFID Code of Conduct Committee <i>General Overview;</i> Cath Blunt, ACFID Code and Membership Services Manager <i>The role of participatory development in the Code of Conduct;</i> |
| 12:30 pm | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 1:30 – 2:45 pm | <p>Keynote: Alan Fowler, <i>Spontaneous Participation: Can Development NGOs Engage with Unbounded Activism?</i></p> <p>(Q&A – 2:15-2:45)</p> <p>Chair: Dennis Altman, Chair, Institute of Human Security La Trobe University and Co-Chair ACFID-University Linkage Network</p> |
| 2.45 pm | <i>Afternoon Tea</i> |
| 3:15 – 4.45 pm | <p>Parallel Session 2.1 Gender Lecture Theatre 1 (496)</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Patrick Guinness, Head of Development Studies, School of Archaeology and Anthropology, Australian National University (ANU)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kristel Modderman, AUT University Auckland <i>At the limits of participatory development: meaningful participation by young sex workers in HIV policy and programmes in Thailand</i> Sumera Jabeen, The University of Melbourne <i>Insignificant inclusion and tokenistic participation of women in development: a case study from Pakistan</i> Michelle Carnegie, Claire Rowland, Katherine Gibson & Joanne Crawford <i>Measuring change in economy and gender relations in semi-subsistent communities in Melanesia: Concepts, indicators, and tools</i> |
| | <p>Parallel Session 2.2 Indigenous Participation Lecture Theatre 4 (81)</p> <p>Chair: Mari Fitzpatrick, Policy Research Advisor, Plan International Australia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Janet Hunt, Australian National University and Danielle Campbell, Central Land Council <i>Using a Community Development Approach for Aboriginal Development in Central Australia</i> Elizabeth Watt, Australian National University <i>The implementation of the Capabilities Approach in Cape York: can paternalism be a precondition to participation?</i> Laura Egan, Enterprise Learning Projects |

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| | <p><i>Participatory development through enterprise facilitation in remote Aboriginal communities.</i></p> <p>4. Natalie Moxham, Independent Consultant <i>A participatory evaluation of the Right People for Country Project - Overcoming barriers to Indigenous participation</i></p> |
| | <p>Parallel Session 2.3 Communication Tools and Strategies Hanna -Neumann Chair: Dr. Phil Connors, Course Coordinator, International and Community Development, Deakin University</p> |
| | <p>1. HUU-NHUAN NGUYEN, University of Queensland & Hanoi University of Agriculture <i>Assessing the contribution of participatory approaches to sustainable impacts of agricultural research for development in the Northwest Highlands of Vietnam</i></p> |
| | <p>2. Tamara Plush, CARE International <i>Staying In Focus: How to ensure participatory visual tools are as rigorous as the projects into which they are embedded</i></p> |
| | <p>3. Jane Shamrock, Masters student, University of the Sunshine Coast <i>The Power of Pictures: Using Photovoice to investigate the "lived experience of people with disabilities in East Timor"</i></p> |
| | <p>Parallel Session 2.4 Community Participation Lecture Theatre 5 (83) Chair: Jackie Robertson, Policy and Program Development Coordinator, ChildFund Australia</p> |
| | <p>1. Pamela Thomas, Australian National University <i>Perspectives on participation and partnerships: Approaches to development planning and practice in Vanuatu</i></p> |
| | <p>2. Nawal El-Gack, University of Canberra <i>Promises and Realities of Participatory development</i></p> |
| | <p>3. Robert Power, Burnet Institute <i>Risk and reproductive health among adolescents in rural Zimbabwe</i></p> |
| | <p>Parallel Session 2.5 Case Studies Lecture Theatre 3 (336) Chair: Anthony Zwi, Professor of Global Health and Development, University of New South Wales (UNSW)</p> |
| | <p>1. Mark Webster, Adventist Development and Relief Agency Australia and Brad Watson, Avondale College of Higher Education <i>Capacity, Community Organisations and Participatory Development in Nepal: A Review of the ADRA Leadership and Good Governance Project.</i></p> |
| | <p>2. Tran Lam Nguyen, ChildFund Vietnam <i>The Dynamics of Social Exclusion among Ethnic Minority Children in Vietnam</i></p> |
| | <p>3. Barbara Pamphilon, University of Canberra, Barbara Chambers, Katja Mikhailovich, Pacific Adventist University, PNG.</p> |

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| | Parallel Session 2.6 Chair: Dr. Natalie Gray, Pacific Regional Manager, Oxfam Australia <i>Experiences, opportunities and challenges of implementing a Strengths Based Approach to development in Solomon Islands</i> | Lecture Theatre 6 (76) |
| | 1. Doris Puiahi, Live and Learn Solomon Islands <i>Experiences of a Traditional Solomon Islands Society: Stori Blo Mifala</i> | |
| | 2. Patrick Mesia, Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Solomon Islands <i>Experiences in the Practical Use of the Strengths-based Approach</i> | |
| | 3. Jo Brislane, International Women's Development Agency <i>Experiences of the Participation of Women, and Youth and other Cross-Cutting Issues</i> | |
| | 4. Sid Chakrabarti, AusAID <i>Experiences of Accountability and Partnership</i> | |
| 5:00-6:00 | <i>ACFID Ethics and Research Practice – Side Session</i> | <i>Hanna Neumann Room</i> |
| 6.30 | <i>Conference Dinner at Vivaldi's (nearby)</i> | |

| Time | DAY TWO: Thursday 29 th November |
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| 8.30 – 9.00 | Arrival of delegates |
| 9:00 – 10:30 | <p>Keynote Addresses: Gita Sen; <i>Motherhood and apple pie? Being feminist in a development organization</i> Emele Duituturaga; <i>Whose Development if not mine? A Glass Ceiling look at Participatory Development</i> (Q&A- 10-10:30) Chair: Susan Harris-Rimmer, Advocacy Manager, Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and Co-Chair ACFID-University Linkage Network</p> |
| 10:30 am | <i>Morning Tea</i> |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | <p>Parallel Session 3.1 Gender Lecture Theatre 1 (496) Chair: Joanne Crawford, Policy and Research Advisor, International Women’s Development Agency (IWDA)</p> <p>1. Tahmina Rashid, University of Canberra <i>Post Conflict Development Interventions in Malakand (Pakistan): Participation of women in peace building and reconstruction</i></p> <p>2. Lichao Yang, 'Gender equality: meaningful inclusion and participation of women and gender/sexual minorities'</p> <p>3. Nadine Hoekman, CARE Laos Women’s Program Coordinator <i>CARE Gender Analysis Framework: Informing Long Term Program Direction in Laos and Vietnam</i></p> <p>Parallel Session 3.2 Disasters Lecture Theatre 4 (81) Chair: Jo Lindner, Advocacy Advisor and Humanitarian Coordinator, Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)</p> <p>1. John McCarthy, Australian National University <i>Social capital, vulnerability and food security: the case of post-tsunami Aceh</i></p> <p>2. Kim Spurway, University of New South Wales <i>Do Community Based Disaster Risk Management Initiatives Reduce The Social And Economic Costs Of Disasters?</i></p> <p>3. Doracie Zoleta-Nantes, Australian National University <i>Reducing vulnerability to flood disasters through mainstreaming community participation in disaster risk reduction and management in Rizal Province, the Philippines</i></p> <p>4. Phil Connors, Deakin University <i>Disaster to Development: Exploring the role of leadership in building stronger participatory processes.</i></p> |
| | <p>Parallel Session 3.3 Methods Lecture Theatre 3 (336)</p> |

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| | <p>Chair: Mark McPeak, International Program Director, ChildFund Australia</p> <p>1. Chris Roche, Chair in International Development, La Trobe University <i>Results, Value for Money and Participatory Development: Opportunity or Threat?</i></p> <p>2. Yvette Selim, University of New South Wales <i>The opportunities and challenges of participation in transitional justice: examples from Nepal</i></p> <p>3. Chrisanta Muli, and Naomi Godden, Oxfam Australia <i>Peer Review in Cross-Cultural International Development Research</i></p> |
| | <p>Parallel Session 3.4 Community Processes Lecture Theatre 5 (83)</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Sango Mahanty, Co-coordinator Master of Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development (MAAPD), Australian National University(ANU)</p> <p>1. Thay Bone, Life With Dignity <i>Participatory Development: Community-based Initiatives towards Community Ownership</i></p> <p>2. Patrick Guinness, Australian National University <i>Empowering Clan Leaders through Village Development</i></p> <p>3. John Spriggs, Barbara Chambers and Sandra Heaney-Mustafa, University of Canberra <i>Collaborative Development (CD) in Rural Pakistan</i></p> |
| | <p>Parallel Session 3.5 Community Processes Lecture Theatre 6 (76)</p> <p>Chair: Linda Kelly, Praxis Consulting</p> <p>1. Cath Conn AUT University, Auckland, <i>At the limits of participatory development: moving from tokenism to activism for young African women's participation</i></p> <p>2. Anthony Ware, Deakin University <i>An Assessment of Empowerment through Highly Participatory, Asset-Based Community Development in Myanmar</i></p> <p>3. Juliet Willetts, University of Technology Sydney <i>When participation is not enough: The case of community management of water systems and its' broader implications</i></p> |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch |
| 1:30-3:00 pm | <p>Parallel Session 4.1 Gender Lecture Theatre 1 (496)</p> <p>Chair: Vanessa Veronese, Research Assistant (Public Health) WaterAid Australia</p> <p>1. Hieng Seka Tith and Joanne Crawford, International Women's Development Agency and Australian National University <i>Triple jeopardy: Participatory action research with women with disabilities experiencing gender-based violence in Cambodia</i></p> |

2. Isadora Quay, Independent Consultant, Joanne Crawford, International Womens Development Agency and Australian National University

Towards Transformation: Synchronising work with women and men for gender equality

3. Di Kilsby, Consultant, Joanne Crawford, International Women’s Development Agency & Australian National University

Navigating ‘gender’ and ‘culture’: amplifying space for gender equality work by listening to local gender advocates

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| Parallel Session 4.2 Participatory principles | Lecture Theatre 3 (336) |
| Chair: Lanie Stockman, Policy and Inclusion Adviser, Save the Children Australia | |
| 1. Chris Chevalier <i>KISS My Aid: A journey into the past in search of simplicity</i> | |
| 2. Mark McPeak, ChildFund Australia <i>"Midnight in Paris: Case Studies of Participation in the New Post-Paris World"</i> | |
| 3. Cathy Vaughan, The University of Melbourne <i>Supporting dialogue in marginalised settings: Young Papua New Guineans and participatory research</i> | |
| 4. Robbie Peters, University of Sydney <i>From mobilisation to mobility: the demise of participatory development in Java.</i> | |
| Parallel Session 4.3 Accountability/Impact | Lecture Theatre 4 (81) |
| Chair: Lindsay Rae, Senior Strategic Adviser, World Vision Australia | |
| 1. Adam McBeth, Monash University <i>Mapping accountability processes</i> | |
| 2. Jenni Graves, International Health Services, The Albion Centre <i>Misdirected Good Intentions – The Impact on Participation</i> | |
| 3. Tira Foran, CSIRO Ecosystems Sciences <i>Participatory process design for the wider Mekong region: A framework for cross-scale and trans-boundary dynamics</i> | |
| 4. Bill Walker, World Vision <i>The potential and limits of social accountability for democratisation</i> | |
| Parallel Session 4.4 Communication Dialogue and Capacity | Lecture Theatre 5 (83) |
| Chair: Sverre Molland, Lecturer/Coordinator, School of Archaeology and Anthropology, Australian National University (ANU) | |
| 1. nnaEmeka Meribe, La Trobe University <i>Indigenous African Communication Systems and Participatory Development in Rural Africa: The Case of a Nigerian Village</i> | |
| 2. Eric Ngang, University of South Australia <i>Shift from capacity building towards valuing existing capacities of local organisations in the global south: the case of the North West Association of Development Organisations (NWADO), Cameroon</i> | |
| 3. Lauren Leigh Hinthorne, The University of Queensland <i>Achieving Participatory Development Communication through 3D Model Building: An Example from East Timor</i> | |
| Parallel Session 4.5 Disabilities/Health | Lecture Theatre 6 (76) |

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| Chair: Beatrice Iezzi, Research Coordinator, Fred Hollows Foundation |
| 1. Jonathan Makuwira, RMIT University <i>People with Disabilities and Civic Engagement in Malawi</i> |
| 2. Kathryn James, Nossal Institute for Global Health <i>Participatory Research Processes – Partnering with People with Disabilities and their Organisations</i> |
| 3. Beth Sprunt, Nossal Institute for Global Health <i>Inclusive Education in the Pacific – sharing lessons as the momentum builds</i> |
| 4. Michele Rumsey, University of Technology Sydney <i>Participatory models for building capacity for nurses and midwives</i> |

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| 3:00 pm | <i>Afternoon Tea</i> | |
| 3:30 – 5.00 pm | Closing Panel Chair: Marc Purcell, Executive Director, Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Facilitator: Alan Fowler | Lecture Theatre 1 (496) |
| | 1. Robert Chambers | |
| | 2. Emele Duituturaga | |
| | 3. Gita Sen | |
| | 4. Elizabeth Reid AO, ANU and Board Member Oxfam Australia | |
| | 5. Paul Nichols, AusAID | |
| | 6. Julia Newton-Howes, CARE Australia | |
| 5.00–5.10pm | <i>Conference Close:</i> Toni Makkai Dean of the College of Arts and Social Sciences | |
| 5.15– 5.30pm | AusAID Scholar Address James Batley – Deputy Director General AusAID | Lecture Theatre 3 (336) |
| 5.30-6.30 | Drinks | Manning Clarke Center Foyer |