RDI Network History

Above the timeline:

2007 — ACFID hosts the "Active Citizenship: Making bottom-up accountability work" event with Monash University, supported by Melbourne, La Trobe, Deakin & RMIT universities.

2008 — **ACFID Linkages Network** officially began, co-chaired by the Institute for Human Security (IHS) at La Trobe University and ACFID. First official conference of the Network held at La Trobe.

2010 — Mailchimp list created for monthly newsletter. First ethics workshop. Second Network Conference at Deakin University.

2012 — ACFID opened affiliate membership to universities. Fourth Network Conference at UTS.

2015 — Fifth Network Conference at Monash University. Second three year funding from DFAT. Secretariat and formalised governance as a partnership with ACFID

2017 — RDI Network launches its own website. Sixth Network Conference at University of Sydney

Timeline years: 2006 · 2007 · 2008 · 2009 · 2010 · 2011 · 2012 · 2013 · 2014 · 2015 · 2016 · 2017 · 2018 · 2019

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2006 — Beginnings
ACFID has discussions with a group of Melbourne-based academics about linking universities and the sector.

2008 — The first joint ACFID and University meeting was held to discuss forming a Network, and an email group list was subsequently formed

2010 — The Network gained its own permanent page on the ACFID website and a steering group for the Network was formalised. Research papers were commissioned.

2012 — Re-branded the **ACFID University Network**, received funding from DFAT for a 3 year program. A secretariat staff member hired. Governed as an ACFID Sub-committee. Third Network Conference at ANU.

2014 — April 2014, the Network started a LinkedIn group with an initial 23 members invited to join

2016 — Re-branded as the **Research for Development Impact Network** (or RDI Network), with its own brand identity. A Network Twitter account was started

2018 — July 2018: Over 1,700 network participants, 17 ACFID affiliate universities. Planning for the next phase 2018 – 21 and the seventh conference in 2019.