



Australia's International Development Contractors Community

IDCC WELCOMES THE INCOMING LABOR GOVERNMENT

The International Development Contractors' Community (IDCC) welcomes the election of the new Labor Government and its commitments to rebuilding Australia's international development program and increasing Official Development Assistance to internationally accepted levels. We stand ready to help implement their agenda. The IDCC's members have deep relationships, existing partnerships, expertise, and skills that can help the Government achieve its ambitious objectives for international development.

We welcome the Government's commitment to an integrated approach to Australia's defence, diplomatic and development capabilities to advance Australia's international relations and secure our national security.

IDCC members can assist deliver this commitment by:

- Drawing out and sharing lessons from our experience of working alongside and with diplomatic and defence partners in our region to inform new policy and programming.
- Contributing to debate, new thinking and research that assesses how to best support new approaches to collaborative working.
- Bringing our experience of working alongside diplomatic and defence partners to the delivery of new programs.

We welcome the Government's commitment to revitalise the development program. We strongly support efforts to make Australia a bigger, bolder, more expert development partner. We welcome the commitment to delivering Australia's international development program through an appropriate balance of aid delivery partners, including the companies and individuals working in the private sector, represented by the IDCC.

By consulting widely and deeply with our members based in Australia and the region, the IDCC members can assist delivery of this commitment by contributing:

- Ideas on how a first-class First Nations Foreign Policy can be designed and delivered.
- Knowledge and ideas to help shape new approaches to International Development based on deep experience of delivering aid programs in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Ideas for how to tackle existing and emerging challenges based on consultations with our extensive network of partners within the Indo-Pacific region.
- How to design implement programs that are inclusive, non-discriminatory and promote human rights
- Deep expertise in the priority sectors identified by the Government to the delivery of high quality, effective aid programs.

The IDCC is committed to strengthening the international development ecosystem we and other delivery partners work within, to assist the entire sector deliver high quality, impactful work.

We call for:

- The establishment of an independent evaluation capacity within DFAT to ensure development effectiveness and demonstrable impact in use of taxpayer funds.
- Implementation of a sector-wide capability plan that includes multi-stakeholder dialogue and a development research agenda.
- Foster a culture of constructive contestability including through supporting vibrant venues for development debate.
- The pursuit of improvements in the procurement approaches adopted by multilateral partners and development banks so that they prioritise the effectiveness, sustainability, and quality of outcomes.