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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Tony Banks

Dr Tony Banks is the social impact advisor in the Strategy, Advisory and Evaluation Group of NZAID. Prior to joining NZAID earlier this year, he was based for 11 years at Massey University, where he taught, researched and consulted in the field of development management and rural development in the Asia-Pacific region. He has a DPhil from IDS, University of Sussex.

Mike Bourke

Dr Mike Bourke has formal training in agronomy, crop physiology and human geography. He worked for the Papua New Guinea Department of Agriculture from 1970 to 1983. He has specialised in village agricultural systems and food crop agronomy in the western Pacific. Since 1983, he has been based at the Australian National University in Canberra, and has continued his research and development work in Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific. He did his doctoral degree on the causes of food shortages in the PNG Highlands. His research interests include village agriculture, food production, food security, cash income, as well as broader development issues. He has conducted extensive fieldwork throughout Papua New Guinea and worked with village communities in many locations. He has published extensively on PNG agriculture, with over 200 scientific and extension publications. He has done over 40 consultancies in PNG and elsewhere in the South Pacific for a number Australian, PNG and international organisations.

Satish Chand

Satish Chand was born, educated up to the first degree, and worked for several years in Fiji. He currently is Director, Pacific Policy Project, within the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government and teaches within the International and Development Economics program at the Australian National University (ANU).

Rhonda Chapman

Rhonda Chapman is Director, Standards and Practice, for the Australian Council for International Development for four years and has been responsible for coordinating the ACFID research into NGO Effectiveness since January 2002. She has worked in international development for 16 years, both for NGOs in Australia and in the field in Central America and Azerbaijan.

Kevin Clements

Kevin Clements is Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Foundation Director of the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. He comes to this position from International Alert where he was Secretary General. International Alert is one of the world's largest NGOs working on conflict transformation. During his time there he was on the Board of the European Centre for Conflict Prevention and President of the European Peace Building Liaison Office in Brussels. His career has been a combination of academic analysis and practice in the areas of peacebuilding and conflict transformation. He was formerly Director of the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva and Head of the Peace Research Centre at the Australian National University in Canberra. He was President of the International Peace Research Association (IPRA) from 1994-1998, President of the IPRA Foundation from 1995-2000 and Secretary General of the Asia Pacific Peace Research Association.

Simon Feeney

Simon Feeney is currently an AusAID-sponsored postdoctoral research fellow with the School of Economics and Finance at RMIT University. His research relates to aid effectiveness in Melanesia. Previously Simon was employed as a researcher at the United Nations World Institute for Development Economics Research and was a research fellow at the University of Melbourne.

Colin Filer

Colin Filer holds a PhD in Social Anthropology from the University of Cambridge. He has taught at the Universities of Glasgow and Papua New Guinea, and was Projects Manager for the University of Papua New Guinea's consulting company from 1991 to 1994, when he left the University to join the PNG National Research Institute as Head of the Social and Environmental Studies Division. Since 2001, he has been the Convenor of the Resource Management in Asia-Pacific Program at the Australian National University's Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies.

Meg Keen

Meg is a senior lecturer in the graduate program for Environmental Management and Development at the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government, Australian National University. She has a bachelor of Economics from Queen's and a PhD from ANU.

Dr Keen has been working on environmental management and development issues in the Asia Pacific region for over 10 years. She has experience researching, consulting and teaching in fields of environmental governance, participatory resource management, and environmental impact assessment. Current projects include: writing and editing a book on social and organizational learning in environmental management; developing sustainability assessment tools for local government; and reviewing collaborative management practices in environmental management. She has also been involved with projects concerning the implementation of environmental management systems in aid delivery, the improvement of community based resource management in the South Pacific, and communication planning for natural resource management.

Linda Kelly

Dr Linda Kelly has worked for both World Vision Australia and Oxfam Community Aid Abroad as well as working with several Australian and International NGOs on various short term assignments. Her specialities include monitoring and evaluation, organisational assessment and capacity building and community and social development. Most recently Dr Kelly works as an independent consultant in between raising two small children.

Sango Mahanty

BA (Geography and Anthropology, ANU), Masters (Environmental Management and Development, ANU), PhD (ANU). Sango is a visiting fellow with the Environmental Management and Development program, Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government, Australian National University. She has over 10 years experience in teaching, consulting and research on the social dimensions of natural resource management and development in the Asia-Pacific. Her current areas of interest include:

- Social assessment in resource management and development programs.
- Participatory monitoring and evaluation (PM&E) as a support to learning-oriented approaches to resource management and development.
- Processes of organisational and institutional change to support collaborative management of natural resources.

Sango's recent and current projects include: a study on institutional and organisational issues in the indigenous co-management of Australian parks (for Parks Victoria), development of a resource kit on social assessment for the International Waters Program (IWP, SPREP), and facilitating the development of monitoring and evaluation strategies for the IWP. She has worked in a range of developing countries, including: Solomon Islands, Niue, Federated States of Micronesia, India and Philippines.

Mark McGillivray

Professor McGillivray is Senior Research Fellow at the World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), in Helsinki, Finland. Mark has been an advisor to the Australian Agency for International Development and a consultant to the OECD, the World Bank and a number of NGOs in Australia and elsewhere. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Development Studies Network in Australia, and serves on the editorial boards of a number of international academic journals. During 1996-98 he was Director of the International Development Program at Deakin University, Australia.

Professor McGillivray was Head of the International Development Program at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology during 1999 to 2003. He has also worked at research organisations in Britain and the Netherlands and either as an advisor, trainer or researcher in more than 20 other countries. Mark has research expertise in the allocation and effectiveness of foreign aid, composite of human well-being measures and international inequality in human development. He has published extensively.

Terry Murphy

Terry began his career as a volunteer teacher in Southeast Asia in 1963 and since then has worked in virtually all areas of Overseas Development Assistance. He has been an NGO country director, a Peace Corps country director, a development officer for a university based international training program, team leader for an international NGO project, team leader on two AusAID projects, a senior technical adviser with USAID, and a freelance aid consultant. He also served for three years on the board of directors of one of Australia's leading international NGOs.

Vijay Naidu

Vijay Naidu is currently Professor and Director of the graduate Development Studies Programme in the Institute of Geography, School of Earth Sciences, at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. He was previously Professor and Director in the Centre for Development Studies at the University of the South Pacific. He has researched and published on ethnicity, migration, higher education and development issues in the South Pacific. He has been Head of School and Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) at USP. He has served as Chair of the Citizens Constitutional Forum in Fiji.

Annmaree O'Keeffe

Annmaree is currently Deputy Director General in AusAID, responsible for policy and global programs. Previous positions in AusAID include:

- Deputy Director General, Pacific, contracts and corporate policy division (2002-2004)
- Assistant Director General, Pacific and Africa branch (1999-2002)
- Minister Counsellor (development co-operation), Australian High Commission, Port Moresby (1997-1999)
- Regional Director, Queensland and Northern Territory (1991-1994).

Annmaree was the Australian Ambassador to Nepal (1994-1996). Prior to joining the Australian Government in 1994, worked as a journalist in Africa and Britain before joining the International Committee of the Red Cross, based first in Bangkok (1980) and then at the ICRC headquarters in Geneva (1980-1983). Her academic qualifications are a Bachelor of Arts, University of Queensland (1975) with majors in Economics, Psychology and Journalism; and a Master of Arts in Asian International Relations, Griffith University (1994).

John Overton is Professor of Development Studies at Massey University, New Zealand. John is a geographer who has worked in Kenya, Fiji and Malaysia. He has particular interests in rural development and land tenure.

Judi Pattison

Judi Pattison is a senior aid management consultant. She is currently the Australian Team Leader (ATL) for the Australian funded Solomon Islands Community Peace and Restoration Fund (CPRF), which began in November 2000 as a response to the civil conflict. She established the CPRF and was responsible for the development of its staffing structures, operation systems and methods, including its unique network of locally based coordinators. Since its inception, the CPRF has provided grassroots level assistance to hundreds of communities in every area of Solomon Islands. Over 800 individual projects have been funded to a value of more than 10 million AU. These have been across all sectors and include 150 schools, more than 60 health facilities, community based roadwork and capacity building for CBOs. CPRF is now seen as a local institution and is widely respected by communities and agencies in Solomon Islands.

From 1997 until 2000, she managed the NZODA (NZ AID) Solomon Islands Gender and Development Programme. She has also done development work in Indonesia and Cook Islands. In New Zealand, she managed a Gender Studies Unit at Nelson Polytechnic and held senior roles on national advisory committees, working parties and conferences relating to women's education and employment issues.

Derek Sikua

Dr Derek Sikua is Permanent Secretary, Education, in the Solomon Islands government.

Donovan Storey is a Senior Lecturer in Development Studies at Massey University, New Zealand. Dr Storey has conducted research in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands with a particular focus on urban governance and peoples organisations in development. He is currently based at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies on Singapore and conducting fieldwork on urban environmental issues in the region.

Marjorie Sullivan

Marjorie Sullivan now works in Resource Management in the Asia-Pacific, in the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, ANU, as a Fellow and Consultancy Coordinator. She is originally a physical geographer, with a research background in human impact on landscapes, and a range of environmental and natural resource management issues including the links between poverty and environment. She has worked as an academic in Australia and PNG, in land management in the Pacific and Asia, and most recently as AusAID's environment adviser. She is ANUTECH's Project Director for the Solomon Islands Community Peace and Restoration Fund for the last year of its operation.

Michael Ward

Michael Ward is a senior education adviser with the British government's Department of International Development (DFID) and is currently on secondment to NZAID, based in Wellington. Michael has been working in the field of educational development for many years, mainly in South Asia and East Africa and, more recently, in the Pacific.

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