



# Asia Pacific Development, Diplomacy and Defence Dialogue (AP4D) welcomes Melissa Conley Tyler as inaugural Program Lead

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The Advisory Group for the Asia Pacific Development, Diplomacy and Development Dialogue (AP4D), the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and the Australian Civil Military Centre (ACMC) are very pleased to announce Melissa Conley Tyler as the Program Lead for the inaugural AP4D program, “Shaping a shared future — deepening Australia’s influence in Southeast Asia and the Pacific”.

AP4D brings together individuals and organisations united by a mission to reimagine Australia's international relations. It provides a platform for constructive dialogue, fresh ideas and future-focused debate on Australia's role in the region.

The inaugural 12-month program, sponsored by ACMC and hosted by ACFID, will generate more effective approaches to advancing Australia’s influence in Southeast Asia and the Pacific through the integrated application of development, diplomacy and defence perspectives.

AP4D Advisory Group Co-Chair and CEO of ACFID, Mr Marc Purcell, has welcomed Melissa’s appointment: “Highly experienced, energetic and skilled in bringing people and ideas together, we believe that Melissa will be pivotal to the success of the program.”

Melissa Conley Tyler joins AP4D from the Asia Institute at The University of Melbourne, recently returning from a visiting fellowship at the Institute for National Security and Defense Research in Taiwan. Prior to this, Melissa was Director of Diplomacy at Asialink after serving as National Executive Director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) for 13 years.

“This program brings the development, diplomacy and defence communities together to share insights on how to deepen Australia’s influence in Southeast Asia and the Pacific. As someone who believes that Australia’s future depends on its international engagement, it’s an honour to be involved in generating new ideas for closer regional partnership”, she said.

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