

Opportunities for Partnerships: Capacity Building for the NT and Our Neighbours



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Our Mission

To increase public awareness of the mutual benefits of Australian support for and involvement in international agriculture and capacity building, and

To demonstrate and use Australian know-how to enhance food security and nutrition and sustainable production systems via capacity building of overseas and Australian agricultural scientists and managers.



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National Objectives

- With our RAID program, increase **training and support of young Australians** to develop careers in international agriculture and development.
- Strengthen **Master Classes program**
- With ACIAR develop a **strong mentoring program** including placements for Australian volunteers
- Liaise with ACIAR to develop **synergistic training and public awareness programs** that add value to ACIAR projects and build alumni networks.
- Increase focus on **training along the entire agricultural value chain** including more interaction with the private sector.

National Objectives

- Maintain our scholar program and student awards to further assist our efforts in **developing the next generation of Australian agricultural researchers.**
- Demonstrate the **mutual benefits to Australia and developing countries** from international agricultural R&D and capacity building via public fora, engagement with decision- and policy-makers and other stakeholders, occasional but timely policy and discussion papers, and facilitating extensive media coverage.
- Recognise and publicise **achievement in international agricultural R&D** through presentation of the Sir John Crawford Medal and Derek Tribe Awards and appointment of patrons.

Capacity Building foci

- With our RAID program, increase **training and support of young Australians** to develop careers in international agriculture and development.
- Continue to **build capacity of mid-career individuals** through our Master Class Program focused predominantly but not exclusively on overseas scientists.
- Harnessing the knowledge and capabilities of senior specialists nearing the end of illustrious careers to act as **mentors** to overseas agencies and their staff.
- Via state/territory programs maintain a **strong scholars program** and provide *ad hoc* training opportunities.

Role of State and Territory programs

- Working with relevant state authorities to deliver international agricultural linkages, opportunities and outcomes e.g mango industry
- Student travel awards
- Identifying and supporting scholars to attend Annual Parliamentary Conference
- In collaboration with Central Office identify and support mentors
- Local coordination of training and RAID networking events
- Local level linkages that complement ACIAR projects

Current topical NT activities

- NT Student Travel Award to Samantha Nowland (Coastal women's enterprise building: a case study in pearl handicraft to translate Western Island success stories for NT aboriginal women in aquaculture)
- Working with NSW Committee to support Robyn Alders as a mentor on nutrition in E. Timor



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How to Engage with the CF - NT

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Researchers in Agriculture for International Development

- Today we are announcing the formal launch of RAID in the NT
- A Program of the Crawford Fund open to all early to mid career, researchers and practitioners interested in international agricultural development

Please see Gianna Bonus-Profumo and Maddison Clonan for more info or go to the website:

www.raidaustralia.net

RAID – Connect, Engage, Support