



DFAT SUPPLIER NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Message from DVB

Welcome to the 6th edition of the DFAT Supplier Network Newsletter.

DFAT is releasing this newsletter periodically to our current supplier list and interested parties to ensure all partners working on the development program are up to date with policy changes and program opportunities.

Please email us at supplier.engagement@dfat.gov.au with any queries.

Business Notifications

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/business-notifications>

Check out the updated pipeline

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/business-opportunities/development-procurement-pipeline>

Join DFAT Suppliers Network today

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13563309/>

Procurement Messages

Commonwealth Procurement Rules Changes

Commonwealth Procurement Rules changes will come into effect from 1 July 2024.

The changes can be viewed on the Department of Finance [website](#).

Suppliers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these updates - in particular the table of changes.

Commonwealth Supplier Code of Conduct

On 1 July 2024, the Commonwealth Supplier Code of Conduct came into effect.



The Commonwealth expects its suppliers to conduct themselves with high standards of ethics such that they consistently act with integrity and accountability. The Australian Government has developed the Commonwealth Supplier Code of Conduct (Code) as a key measure to strengthen supplier behaviour.

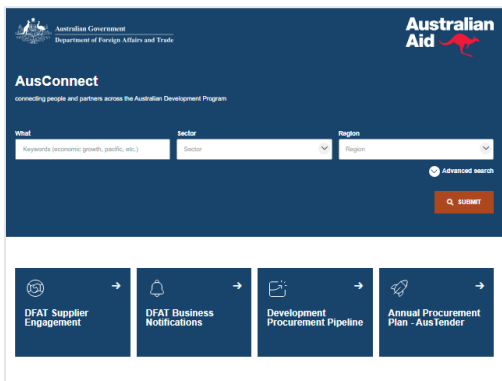
Suppliers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Code and Code clauses. Further guidance for is available on the Department of Finance [website](#).

AusConnect Website Refresh

The AusConnect website has had a makeover!

Changes to improve AusConnect functionality and user experience have been in development for the last few months and we're happy to advise that our new [website](#) is now live.

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of the requirement to advertise all subcontracting and employment opportunities related to DFAT ODA contracts on the AusConnect website.



Indonesia Big Meet – Jakarta March 2024

Building on the success of the 2023 Regional Big Meets in Jakarta, Suva and Papua New Guinea, DVB returned to Jakarta in March 2024 to hold the Indonesia Big Meet.

Around 150 people attended the Indonesia Big Meet including managing contractors, subcontractors and new local companies interested in getting involved in Australia's Development Program.

This event was an opportunity for local subcontractors from to discuss collaboration with large suppliers and DFAT. In line with the Australian Government's objective to champion locally-led development, the event provided local businesses with an overview of DFAT's regional development priorities, and key information on how to engage with the Australian Development Program.

The feedback received has been overwhelmingly positive, and participants expressed the value of the event in facilitating networking opportunities within the region and



providing new information to a number of attendees. The hope is that with this information, more local companies will seek opportunities to work within Australia's Development Program and continue to increase diversity in the Program.

[DFAT Guidance Note: Locally Led Development](#) | [Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#)

Locally led development - New DFAT Guidance released

Australia's International Development Policy includes a commitment to locally led development and supporting local leadership across different aspects of society such as government, business, academia and civil society.

DFAT has now published the Locally Led Development Guidance Note on the [DFAT Website](#)

The Locally Led Development Guidance Note covers the 'why, what, when and how' of locally led development, with a focus on providing practical guidance on the 'how' – sharing flexible and innovative approaches that support DFAT to meet its commitments on locally led development. It is for DFAT staff and other partners involved in delivering international development assistance.

Performance of Australian Development Cooperation (PADC) Report

A key commitment under the [International Development Policy](#) is to publish an annual Performance of Australian Development Cooperation (PADC) report, reflecting our focus on accountability and our commitment to a world-class development program. This inaugural PADC report summarises the performance of Australia's development cooperation from July 2022 to June 2023, and outlines early progress in implementing the International Development Policy's [Performance and Delivery Framework](#).

The International Development Policy was released after the 2022–23 reporting year, replacing *Partnerships for Recovery: Australia's COVID-19 Development Response*. Accordingly, this PADC report is transitional, reflecting the shift from the previous policy and associated performance framework to the priorities and performance framework of the new policy.

You can access the full report on the DFAT [Website](#).





Australia's Official Development Assistance Budget Summary 2024-25

With the delivery of the Federal Budget last month, DFAT has also released the Official Development Assistance Budget Summary for 2024-25.

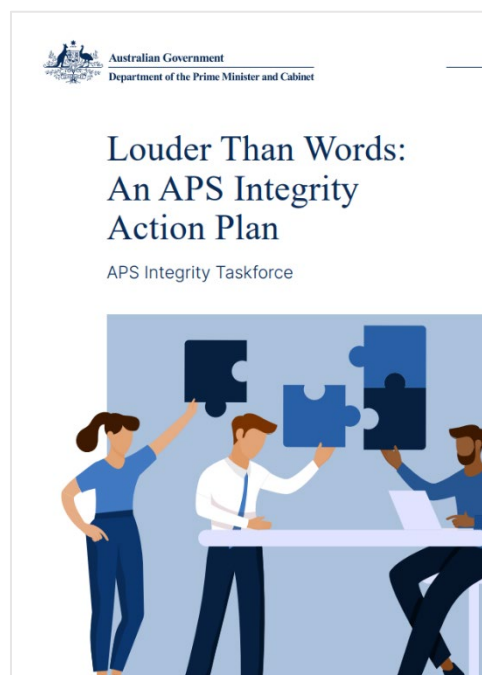
If you would like more information, this summary can be found on the DFAT [website](#).



DFAT Business Envoy

The March edition of [Business Envoy](#) is now available. Business Envoy is DFAT's flagship quarterly magazine providing the latest insights into the Australian Government's open trade and investment agenda, updates on government policy and thinking, industry news, and expert analysis of the latest global market trends and events.

This issue of Business Envoy celebrates the ASEAN-Australia Special Summit, held in Melbourne on 4-6 March 2024. It marks the 50th anniversary of Australia's partnership with ASEAN, and includes a colourful map with key trade figures reflecting a new phase for Timor-Leste and its pending full membership of ASEAN.



Integrity update

The Government has an ambitious agenda to strengthen integrity across the Australian public sector. Important reforms include the establishment of the National Anti-Corruption Commission, strengthening whistleblower protections, and measures to enhance the integrity of administrative decision making (including grants processes). The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet recently released the [Louder Than Words: An APS Integrity Action Plan \(pmc.gov.au\)](#) outlining recommendations to further strengthen integrity across the APS and over the use of public funds. Owing to this, DFAT is considering a range of strategies addressing integrity.

National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC)

The NACC commenced operations on 1 July 2023. The NACC has broad investigative powers, including to request information and documents and to search the premises of Commonwealth agencies without a warrant. The NACC can investigate:

- public officials (including contractors and sub-contractors) in Australia and overseas, and any person who seeks to corrupt a public official
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- DFAT staff, including contractors and subcontractors providing goods or services for DFAT in Australia or overseas.

DFAT has legislative obligations to report serious or systemic corrupt conduct involving its staff to the NACC. Further information can be found at the NACC's website [The National Anti-Corruption Commission | National Anti-Corruption Commission \(NACC\)](#).

Commonwealth Fraud and Corruption Control Framework (CFCCF)

The Attorney-General's Department has released a new CFCCF, which commenced on 1 July 2024. Key changes from the previous Commonwealth Fraud Control Framework include:

- extending legislative obligations to cover corruption prevention, detection and response
- requirements for governance structures and processes to effectively oversee and manage risks of fraud and corruption relating to them
- requirements for periodical review of the effectiveness of their fraud and corruption controls.

Further information can be found at the Attorney-General's Department website [Learn about the Fraud and Corruption Control Framework | Commonwealth Fraud Prevention Centre \(counterfraud.gov.au\)](#).

Foreign Bribery Offences

The *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Combatting Foreign Bribery) Act 2024* passed through Parliament and commences on 8 September 2024. The Act introduces a new corporate offence of failure to prevent foreign bribery and changes the elements for the foreign bribery offence. The Attorney-General's Department has produced draft guidance on what may constitute adequate procedures to prevent foreign bribery [Draft guidance on adequate procedures to prevent the commission of foreign bribery - Attorney-General's Department - Citizen Space \(ag.gov.au\)](#).

Upcoming Events

Please keep an eye on our [LinkedIn](#) and [business opportunities](#) pages for details on our upcoming events for 2024.



DFAT Risk and Safeguarding Requirements – 401 Webinar

This webinar will provide an overview of DFAT's Development Risk Management framework, including links to implementation of investments including roles and accountabilities, ways of working and sharing of risk information and reports, outline the safeguards requirements that apply to DFAT business with a focus on policies relating to Child Protection, Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment, and Environmental and Social Safeguards.

Date: Thursday, 11 July 2024

Time: 11:00am (AEST)

How to join: Bookings via [Trybooking.com](https://trybooking.com)

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