

Australian Political Parties for Democracy Program**2017-2018 Activity Proposals for the Australian Greens****Activity Proposal 1**

Name of activity	Support networking and training opportunities for Asia-Pacific Green parties
Estimated timing of activity	Activities spanning entire 2017-18 financial year
Organisation to be assisted/ visited	<p>The Asia Pacific Greens Federation has seen a significant increase in growth over the past 12 months with new member parties and associate member parties joining and additional membership applications in process.</p> <p>Current Asia Pacific Greens Federation (APGF) member and associate organisations apart from Australia and New Zealand include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● India: UttarakhandParivartan Party (UKPP) ● Japan: Midori no Mirai/Greens Japan ● Mongolia; Mongolian Green Party ● Nepal: Nepali Greens ● Indonesia: Saraket Hijau Indonesia ● Atjeh Indonesia: Atjeh Green Party ● Indonesia: Parti Hijau ● Iraq: Green Party of Iraq ● Fiji: Fijian Green Party ● Lebanon: Green Party of Lebanon ● Pakistan: Pakistan Greens ● Palestine: Palestinian Green Party ● Philippines: Partido Kalikasan/Philippine Green Party ● South Korea: Green Party of Korea ● Taiwan: Green Party Taiwan <p>The training initiatives are likely to involve many of the parties/organisations listed above as well as emerging parties in countries such as Bangladesh, Kurdistan, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.</p>
Country of organisation to be assisted/ visited	<p>Countries as listed above.</p> <p>Some of the training will be via internships within Australia for representatives of the above countries.</p>
Expected input by each Organisation (e.g. number of people)	<p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parties to increase their expertise in the structure, policies and procedures of setting up and organising a Green Party. 2. Party representatives will participate in training initiatives on issues such

involved, time required, etc.)	as parliamentary democracy and party organisational development. 3. The Australian Greens will offer training initiatives and internships to new and emerging key party representatives as well as between APGF party member parties.
Estimated cost (split into project and administrative expenses)	Total cost: \$55,000 Project and coordination costs: \$50,000 Administrative costs: \$5,000

Monitoring and Evaluation Statement

Summary to address the following points:

- **How does this particular activity fit within the objective and aims of the Program?**

The Asia Pacific Greens regional Federation last year expanded to include countries from the Middle East as well as admitting new member parties from Asia and the Pacific. There is an increasing need for training in areas such as organisational development, policy management, membership management, and organisational planning prior to participating in local government, regional and national elections.

The annual APGF Council meeting and the trainings prior to/after this meeting will involve representatives from over 17 member countries to share skills and information on issues such as developing organisational structures, policies and plans. The Council provides sustainable links between the Australian Greens and other Greens parties in the Asia Pacific region and enhances the ability of all delegates to participate in their respective democratic processes.

The internship program has now been established for the past two years. It is a means to continue to deliver cross-country learning experiences akin to those achieved through the Study Tour conducted in 2016 with program funding. The program of internships involves individuals spending time, expected to be a minimum of two weeks each, in Australia or another APGF country to observe and learn from activities in the host country.

- **Why has this particular activity been chosen?**

The sudden growth of the Federation and the increasing number of emerging parties joining means an increasing need for skill development and training assistance for these parties. Skills will be enhanced by newer member parties working with other more experienced Green Parties face to face as well as opportunities to work with Australian Greens members and staff.

The APGF Council annual meetings have proved to be very successful and have

greatly enhanced the development of Greens organisations in several Asia Pacific countries. Training initiatives are designed around the Council meetings when representatives are in the one location. There is an increasing demand for work on parliamentary democracy and proportional representation in the election procedures of many countries in which Green Parties exist throughout the region. Several of the parties who stand candidates due to the electoral procedure and lack of reforms are either not able to have candidates elected or able to register for election.

The Australian Greens will ensure that selection of all participants in activities include measures to ensure that women are properly represented.

- **What is hoped to be achieved from the activity?**

Further parties will become registered and stand candidates for election at local government, regional and national level.

Parties will have a better understanding of organisational procedures, registration requirements, policy and election platforms.

- **How will any outcomes (including short and long term) be measured?**

An evaluation will be conducted following the annual Council meeting to assess the learnings and the effectiveness of the Council meeting and the trainings prior to the meeting. We will also be monitoring improvements in the operating capacities of the organisations assisted through subsequent training sessions and the APGF Council meeting.

Outcomes will be measured by evidence that the organisations assisted have developed or strengthened formal and functional party structures, and have increased their capacity at policy development, strategic campaign development, and be able to hold regular local and national meetings.

In the longer term, it is anticipated that the parties assisted can participate in elections and other democratic processes within their countries, insofar as democratic processes in their home country allow.

- **How does the Activity address the aim of providing value for money, when comparing the results and outputs of the Activity with the cost of the Activity?**

All travel costs are minimised including the arranging of training schedules around one annual meeting. Economy class is used for travel fares which booked well in advance. Basic accommodation including shared rooms or billeting is booked.

Key delegates are chosen that are part of the APGF party's executive leadership so as knowledge and skills remains inside of the party.

Activity Proposal 2

Name of activity	Strengthen the capacity of the Asia-Pacific Greens Federation (APGF) Secretariat
Estimated timing of activity	<p>Throughout the year from July 2017 – June 2018 the grant will support the continued development of the APGF secretariat with the ongoing development of an internship program. The intern undertakes activities to increase the extent of networking between Green parties in the region including directly supporting capacity building within specific parties. The current trainee is from Pakistan.</p> <p>Support will also be given to furthering the development of the Asia Pacific Greens Women’s Network (APGWN).</p>
Organisation to be assisted/visited	The Asia Pacific Greens Federation and associated working groups.
Country of organisation to be assisted/visited	The APGF involves members from a range of countries including India, Indonesia, Fiji, Korea, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Mongolia, Japan, Taiwan, and Nepal. There are additionally new parties emerging in countries such as Bangladesh, Papua New Guinea, Iraq, Kurdistan, and the Solomon Islands.
Expected input by each Organisation (e.g. number of people involved, time required, etc.)	<p>Volunteer Office Bearers and Councillors are drawn from all member parties, all of whom provide time throughout the year to participate in monthly online meetings to implement the agreed activities including giving input to the content of projects related to the broader development of APGF addressing issues such as membership and fundraising. They will also assist by actively participating in project teams to assist countries in their organisational development.</p> <p>Australian Greens members with suitable expertise and experience will provide mentoring, advice, and other assistance to APGF individuals and organisations responsible for implementing all activities. The Australian Greens also has representation on the APGF Council with two members.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To assist APGF member and emerging member parties through development of APGF systems, procedures, and structures. 2. To provide assistance in future development of the APGF Secretariat, traineeship program, and APGF Council meeting trainings to strengthen individual parties and the federation. 3. To increase policy development capacity within APGF by sharing and adapting key regional policies. 4. Parties to understand the Global Greens Charter and their role in Green Party Federations worldwide.

Estimated cost (split into project and administrative expenses)	Total cost \$35,000 Project and coordination costs: \$30,000 Administrative costs: \$5,000
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Monitoring and Evaluation Statement

Summary to address the following points:

- **How does this particular activity fit within the objective and aims of the Program?**

This project will help sustain a more permanent and sustainable APGF secretariat to increase the capacity of APGF to assist and develop the organisational structures of member parties and potential member parties. The secretariat will provide leadership, act as a communication network, develop training materials, and monitor organisational quality within the federation.

This activity will provide assistance on issues such as understanding democratic processes and procedures as well as establishing parties.

- **Why has this particular activity been chosen?**

APGF as a federation acts as an umbrella body, and as such provides mentoring and capacity building to member parties. Supporting APGF magnifies the impact of the small amount of funding available to the program.

APGF is making progress in terms of fostering activity on gender issues with the start-up of the APGF women's network last year. Training and mentoring of this network is a necessary step in its future development. Young Greens and indigenous people's committees are also established within APGF. The Australian Greens will encourage further development of these teams, as well insisting that good democratic practices within the regional Green parties are implemented and monitored through documenting policies and organisational development.

On the ground site visits will be conducted by members of the Australian Greens International Development Committee (IDC) and/or APGF to gain a detailed understanding of democratic processes in those countries, to carry out needs analyses, and project assessments. This is also necessary to help to evaluate the success and impact of funding projects.

- **What is hoped to be achieved from the activity?**

The work of the APGF intern and the Secretariat overall includes communications, organising meetings and procedures, and strengthening of the federation - including to expand of its membership base. They will organise the annual face to face Council meeting and assist with associated trainings around this.

It will further develop the capacity of APGF as the Asia Pacific Greens regional

umbrella body through learnings and discussions between parties. The participating Greens organisations will develop a better awareness of and connection with other Green parties in the region.

it is hoped through work with the APGF Women's Network and other sub-committees to further representation of women in the APGF parties in executives and as candidates at election.

- **How will any outcomes (including short and long term) be measured?**

The short-term outcome is a strongly functioning and accountable secretariat. This will be measured by regularity of meetings and examining minutes thereof, testimony of member organisations, good functioning of existing sub-committees, records of communication, and visits by the APGF secretariat and member countries to other APGF member organisations.

Expanding membership of APGF to include new countries in the region will also be a 2017-18 outcome. Research on emerging and new parties is also undertaken.

Longer term outcomes will be stronger member organisations which can better participate in democratic processes within their countries.

- **How does the Activity address the aim of providing value for money, when comparing the results and outputs of the Activity with the cost of the Activity?**

A strong secretariat provides for economies of scale to be achieved in support of activities across the region.

In country visits are combined with a key event such as a Congress or Green School followed by a party executive training. Project team members who have already built up expertise on the specific project are nominated for the in-country assessment and training.

Savings are sought on cheap airfares and accommodation.

Activity Proposal 3

Name of activity	Assist the development and consolidation of emerging Green parties in the Asia Pacific Region
Estimated timing of activity	July 2017– June 2018
Organisation to be assisted/visited	Emerging Greens party organisations in the Asia-Pacific region, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green Civil Society - Nepal ● Solomon Islands Green Party ● Pakistan Greens ● Mongolian Green Party ● Bangladesh Green Party ● Green Forum India ● Atjeh Green Party (Indonesia)
Country of organisation to be assisted/visited	All of the above
Expected input by each Organisation (e.g. number of people involved, time required, etc.)	<p>Elected officers of APGF parties, committees, and other party members involved in management and strategic planning of party activities will take part in agreed sub-committees, monthly virtual meetings, and correspond as needed. The time involved will vary, but will involve one or more workshops or other events, as well as regular meetings over several months to develop constitutions, process legal documents, develop strategic plans, and attend party conventions.</p> <p>Project teams are established for the duration of the grant to oversee and administer the in-country grants to new and emerging parties. The IDC meets twice a month to discuss projects and issues relating to the grant program.</p> <p>Funding support may be used for hiring staff to assist in key activities such as outreach, public education, membership development, assistance in building transparent and effective governance structures, developing policy and campaigns, and increasing the participation of women and youth in party roles.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To assist new and emerging parties with organisational development to be able to register their party and to contest elections. 2. To assess and monitor on the ground development of new and

	<p>emerging Green parties in the region on issues such as party structure and procedures, party registration, policy development and gender balance.</p> <p>3. Identify key new and emerging parties who require future support and develop a roadmap for their party's future development.</p>
Estimated cost (split into project and administrative expenses)	<p>Total cost \$110,000 Project and coordination costs: \$105,000 Administrative costs: \$5,000</p>

Monitoring and Evaluation Statement

Summary to address the following points:

- **How does this particular activity fit within the objective and aims of the Program?**

This activity provides capacity building on project and campaign management through direct support and mentoring to key new and emerging Green parties in the region. Organisations that have not yet formalised their party status will be assisted to do so and to develop specific plans towards electoral campaign strategies at a local and/or national level.

This activity promotes program objectives by assisting new and emerging organisations in the Asia Pacific region to fully participate in the democratic processes within their own country. This will be done through assisting them to upskill including to develop policies, hold conventions, and consolidate party structures and procedures.

It will also assist emerging parties in meeting membership requirements for APGF.

- **Why has this particular activity been chosen?**

This activity has been chosen because in many countries organisations wanting to participate in the democratic processes of their country face significant obstacles including lack of resourcing and necessary skills. In some cases, there is inadequate staffing and a need for greater attention to gender inclusiveness. This will be promoted as a key part of supporting the development of party constitutions, rules, and structures.

In the case of countries in the Pacific, such as the Solomon Islands, Nepal, Pakistan and least developed countries (LDCs), parties have scarce resources although they may have a wide-ranging program and a pool of members. Funding support from these grants can give such parties a source of core funding to run key events such as congresses which is where election of party office bearers is made and membership outreach programs are implemented.

Project teams comprised of representatives from the recipient party, the Australian Greens and other APGF member parties act as an information and skill resource pool

for the recipient parties. Over the past year this has contributed to the development of new parties and prepared them for their elections.

In many countries, there is a restrictive nature of the registration process for political parties which can prove difficult to overcome.

In country visits will be done in partnership with party members in-country to establish strong relationships, information sharing, and provide mentoring opportunities. They will also assess the in-country project's implementation.

- **What is hoped to be achieved from the activity?**

It is hoped that several parties will be supported to finalise their constitutions and have their party structures and procedures consolidated so to enable them to participate in elections at local and/or national level and to apply effective electoral campaign programs.

Organisations without party status can develop concrete plans for achieving this through registration. This may include membership outreach programs to build the membership base where this is a requirement. In some instances, this can be high per head of population and can present some logistical challenges in remoter areas in countries such as Fiji or Indonesia.

- **How will any outcomes (including short and long term) be measured?**

The key outcome in most cases will be the formalisation of party status, the development and strengthening of party structures, procedures, and policies. This will be followed where possible by the parties standing candidates for election.

Ongoing and formal contact will be maintained with the organisations supported through project teams involving representatives of the projects, the Australian Greens and APGF.

For emerging parties, their organisational development and party status formalisation will allow them membership to the APGF Council.

The longer-term outcomes for the emerging Green party projects is stronger formal organisations that actively participate in elections and other democratic processes in the Asia, Pacific and Middle East regions.

- **How does the Activity address the aim of providing value for money, when comparing the results and outputs of the Activity with the cost of the Activity?**

Travel in country, where distance allows, is by train, bus or private vehicle. Accommodation is basic including shared accommodation. Travel is economy with bookings in advance and cheap airfares sought. Venue hire for meetings and Congress is also of a basic economy standard.

In country assessment visits are combined with a key event such as a Congress or Green School followed by a party executive training. Project team members who

have already built up expertise on the specific project are nominated for the in-country assessment and training.