

Implementation Progress Report 2017- 2018

Report on activities & achievements, lessons learnt & alternative approaches & key outcomes

ACTIVITY #1: EMERGING DEMOCRACIES PROGRAM (2017 -2018)

The program continued to consolidate and progress the work ALP has been conducting with political parties and organisations in recent years and progressed the development of new relationships with emerging democracies in the Asian Pacific region. Opportunities to strengthen capacity and build on knowledge sharing were developed with a view to promote democracy and democratic parties and organisations.

In country activities conducted included:

COUNTRY/ORGANISATION	ACTIVITY
TIMOR LESTE Fretilin	Assistance in attendance at training event for Political Management Training hosted by SocDem Asia in October and December 2017.
PHILIPPINES Akbayan Citizens Action Party, SocDem Asia	Support and assistance with training events and trainers in October and December 2017.
MYANMAR National League for Democracy	Assistance and participation in training event and workshop in February 2018.
PAPUA NEW GUINEA Integrity of Political Parties and Candidates Commission (IPPC)	Conducted a post-election diagnostic workshop with PNG political parties in October 2017 with an aim to strengthen the democracy building work of the IPPCC. Design and delivery of Train the Trainer course in June 2018, in collaboration with the IPPCC.
INDONESIA PDI-P Nasdem	Visit by nine delegates to meet and exchange information with party officials, members of the Indonesian Parliament and their advisers, Union representatives, NGOs, Embassy officials and party activists in March 2018.
MALAYSIA Democratic Action Party	Design and delivery of bespoke training prior to the election in April 2018, in collaboration with the UK Labour Party.
MONGOLIA Mongolian People's Party	Hosting two observers in Australia during the South Australian State election and the Batman by election in April 2018.
INDIA Association for Democratic Socialism	Visit to India in June 2018 by nine delegates to meet with representatives of government and social democratic parties and organisations and to discuss future opportunities for knowledge sharing and training opportunities and develop an understanding of Indian political systems and institutions.

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Additionally, ALI also conducted the following bi-lateral events during 2017-2018:

EVENT	ACTIVITY
PROGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN INSIGHT COURSE (PCI) (November 2017)	<p>Hosted in Canberra and attended by delegates from the Asian Pacific region, the event specifically addresses the theoretical and practical aspects of working in the office of progressive MP's and parties.</p> <p>The program also serves to strengthen relationships between the ALP and other progressive parties in our region.</p>
ASIAN PACIFIC CAMPAIGN FORUM (APCF) (April 2018)	<p>The third annual APCF, hosted in Sydney in April 2018 included participants from Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Indonesia, Timor Leste, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Mongolia and Myanmar.</p> <p>Participants gathered to discuss capacity building by sharing experiences, skills and knowledge in the fields of Party building and resourcing and campaigning. The event also provides a forum for greater sharing and contact between participating parties outside of the forum and the creation and dissemination of best-practice processes and skills in party building and management and campaigning.</p>

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

ALI continues to work to promote its work through numerous national ALP networks, particularly through advertising its activities in our national ALI email list and through guest presentations and information sessions at significant ALP events such as annual state and territory conferences and state branch seminars.

By continuing to liaise directly with state and territory branches and identifying people within those networks interested in overseas party development we are able to competitively select participants for future programs and exchanges, both as trainers and observers.

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ACTIVITY #2: KURT STEEL CAMPAIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM (2017 -2018)

The aim of this program is to strengthen bilateral links with progressive, social democratic and labour parties and to connect skilled individuals from these parties with their colleagues on an international basis to further the dissemination of best-practice processes and skills in party building, management and campaigning.

The 2017-2018 period allowed ALP to build on key fraternal party relationships and to consolidate and progress the work that has been conducted over previous years with progressive, social democratic and labour parties in advanced democracies.

Activities conducted included:

COUNTRY/ORGANISATION	ACTIVITY
NEW ZEALAND New Zealand Labor Party	Three visits to New Zealand for cooperative work with New Zealand Labor Party on developing capacity building within the party, resources and in political communication. Observation of the New Zealand election by seven participants from Australian Labor Party.
UNITED KINGDOM UK Labour Party	Attendance at the UK Labour Party Conference by three delegates in September 2017.
UNITED STATES US Democrats	Visits to the USA by five delegates in October 2017 to research and observe the latest in data and research technology. Attendance at Cybersecurity conference by one delegate in March 2018.
PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE	Attendance and participation at four Progressive Alliance meetings and missions by ALP representatives during 2017-2018.
GLOBAL PROGRESS	Attendance and participation at two Global Progress meetings and conferences.
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SOCIALIST YOUTH (IUSY)	Attendance at annual IUSY Congress by one delegate.
DIGITAL CONFERENCES HOSTED BY ALP	Facilitation of attendance at conferences by four international delegates.

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INTERNATIONAL PROGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN FORUM (IPCF)	<p>The International Progressive Campaign Forum provides a space for international progressive, social democratic and labour parties to build capacity by sharing experiences, skills and knowledge in the fields of party building, resourcing and campaigning. It also creates a culture of greater sharing and contact between participating parties outside of the Forum and the creation and dissemination of best-practice processes and skills in party building and management and campaigning.</p> <p>The fifth International Progressive Campaign Forum was hosted by ALI in Sydney in February 2018 with participants from Argentina, Israel, New Zealand, Scotland, UK, USA, Canada, Italy and the Netherlands.</p> <p>In May 2018, ALI hosted a second IPCF in collaboration with the Party of European Socialists in Brussels.</p> <p>Attendees at the Brussels Forum included participants from Australia, Netherlands, Spain, USA, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, UK, Switzerland and Germany.</p>