

Australian Political Parties for Democracy Program

2018-2019 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 2018-19 financial year

<p>Organisation to be assisted/ visited</p>	<p>The Asia Pacific Greens Federation has seen an ongoing increase in growth over the past 12 months with new member parties and associate member parties reaching membership criteria.</p> <p>Current Asia Pacific Greens Federation (APGF) member and associate organisations in addition to Australia and New Zealand include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● India: Green Party of India ● Bangladesh: Bangladesh Green Party ● 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 Indonesia ● Iraq: Green Party of Iraq ● Fiji: Fijian Green Party ● Lebanon: Green Party of Lebanon ● Pakistan: Pakistan Greens ● Palestine: Palestinian Green Party ● India (Northern): UttarakhandParivartan Party (UKPP) ● South Korea: Green Party of Korea ● Taiwan: Green Party Taiwan ● Tree Party of Taiwan <p>The training initiatives will involve many of the parties/organisations listed above as well as emerging parties in countries such as the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.</p>
<p>Country of organisation to be assisted/ visited</p>	<p>Countries as listed above.</p> <p>The Australian Greens will assist one representative from the above parties with travel and accommodation costs for a study tour in Southern Queensland and NE NSW in late 2018.</p>

	<p>Following the study tour around 3-4 internships will take place within Australian Green state parties for representatives of the above countries.</p>
<p>Expected input by each Organisation (e.g. number of people involved, time required, etc.)</p>	<p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Party representatives will learn about issues such as parliamentary democracy, party organisational development, and integrity of electoral processes as part of the study tour. 2. Delegates will observe Greens meetings and gain trainings on issues such as campaign planning, engaging volunteers, policy development, fundraising, and communications planning. 3. Meet Green parliamentarians, candidates and party workers in inner-metropolitan and regional seats to discuss and exchange experiences and challenges. 4. The Australian Greens will offer training initiatives and internships to new and emerging key party representatives following the study tour.
<p>Estimated cost (split into project and administrative expenses)</p>	<p>Total cost: 89,000 Project and coordination costs: \$81,000 Administrative costs: \$8,000</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?**

The Asia Pacific Greens Federation last year continued to expand to include Bangladesh and a national India party with other memberships pending. Training needs have been identified 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 18 member countries to share skills and information. 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 over three years. It delivers cross-country learning experiences and skills development. The last study tour was two and a half years prior in May 2016. The evaluation of the previous tour received strong positive feedback. At the conclusion of the December 2018 study tour an AGM will be held for APGF and then 3-4 internships will be scheduled. The program of internships involves individuals spending 7-10 days each, in Australia or another APGF country to observe and learn from activities in the host country. We are also developing exchanges between parties from non-OECD countries.

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

The ongoing development of new parties in the region means an increasing need for skill development and training assistance for these parties. Skills will be enhanced by newer APGF member parties working with other more experienced Green Parties face to face as well as opportunities to work with Australian Greens members and staff. A study tour with an intensive one week program will be undertaken in late 2018 with a program of key learnings for the emerging parties.

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. The training initiatives of the study tour and internships will be designed around the Council meeting 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. Several of the parties who stand candidates due to their national electoral procedures and lack of reforms are either not able to have candidates elected or not able to register for election.

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

Further parties will become registered, elect party executives and candidates, 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.

The activity is expected to result in more sustainable links between the Australian Greens and other Greens parties in the Asia Pacific region and enhanced organising skills.

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

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

An evaluation will be conducted following the study tour and the annual Council meeting to assess the learnings and their effectiveness. We will also be monitoring improvements in the operating capacities of the organisations assisted through subsequent training initiatives and projects.

Outcomes will be measured by evidence that the organisations assisted have developed or strengthened formal and functional party structures, and increased their capacity of policy development, strategic campaign development, and hold regular national meetings. Membership to the regional body is also an indicator that the party has followed membership and structural requirements such as adopted constitutions and elected executives.

In the longer term, it is anticipated that the parties assisted can participate in elections and democratic processes within their countries, insofar as democratic processes in their home country will 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 are booked well in advance to minimise costs. Basic accommodation including shared rooms in hostels is booked or billets provided by Australian Greens party members. Venue hire is usually a community centre or equivalent level.

Key delegates are the APGF Council representatives that are part of the APGF party's executive leadership so as knowledge and skills remains inside 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 2018 – June 2019 the grant will support the continued development of the APGF secretariat with the ongoing development of an internship program. The internship is currently shared between two young women from the Nepali and Lebanon Green Parties who in turn are supporting the women’s and youth networks for parties in the region.</p> <p>Support will continue to furthering the development of the Asia Pacific Greens Secretariat and the Women’s Network.</p>
Organisation to be assisted/visited	The Asia Pacific Greens Federation and associated working groups.
Country of organisation to be assisted/visited	APGF involves members from a range of countries including Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Fiji, Korea, Lebanon, Pakistan, Mongolia, Japan, Taiwan, and Nepal. There are additionally parties emerging in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands who are soon applying to join the Federation.

<p>Expected input by each Organisation (e.g. number of people involved, time required, etc.)</p>	<p>Volunteer Office Bearers and Councillors are drawn from all member parties, 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 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 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.
<p>Estimated cost (split into project and administrative expenses)</p>	<p>Total cost \$24,000 Project and coordination costs: \$22,000 Administrative costs: \$2,000</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 project will help the development of a sustainable APGF secretariat to increase the capacity of APGF to assist and develop the organisational structures of member parties and potential member parties and regional networks. 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 to be dispersed over 18 parties in the Asia Pacific and Middle East regions.

APGF is making progress on gender issues with 50% of APGF Councillors now being women. Training and mentoring of the APGF Women's network has greatly benefited from the setting up of a wide mentoring, webinar and online resource program which was piloted in the 2017/2018 financial year. The Young Greens network within APGF is also being further developed as a priority. The Australian Greens will encourage ongoing development of these teams.

- **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. They organise the annual face to face Council meeting and assist with associated trainings and logistics 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 stronger 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 within the APGF parties in executives and as candidates at election - often in countries where this is not the current practice.

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

The short-term outcome is a strong 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.

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. Resources such as online toolkits and networks are shared so as operations can continue on a small budget.

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 basic accommodation and minimal additional costs.

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 2018– June 2019
Organisation to be assisted/visited	Emerging Greens party organisations in the Asia-Pacific region, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Solomon Islands Green Party● Mongolian Green Party● Bangladesh Green Party● India Green Party● Atjeh Green Party (Indonesia)
Country of organisation to be assisted/visited	All of the above to be assisted.

<p>Expected input by each Organisation (e.g. number of people involved, time required, etc.)</p>	<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 regularly online 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 emerging Green parties in the region on issues such as party structure and procedures, party registration, policy development, and gender balance. 3. To identify key new and emerging parties requiring future support and develop a roadmap for their party's development.
<p>Estimated cost (split into project and administrative expenses)</p>	<p>Total cost \$ 87,000 Project and coordination costs: \$79,000 Administrative costs: \$8,000</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 participate in the democratic processes within their own country. This will be done through assisting them to upskill in policy development, hold Congresses and sub-regional meetings, and consolidate party structures and procedures. Women's, youth and inclusivity initiatives are also integral.

Limited 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 key countries, to carry out needs analyses, and project assessments. This also helps to evaluate the success and impact of funding projects.

Additionally, this activity will assist emerging parties in meeting membership requirements for APGF.

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

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, Bangladesh and the least developed countries (LDCs), parties have scarce resources though they may have a wide-ranging program and a pool of members. Funding support from these grants can give such parties a source of minimum funding to run events essential to party development e.g. party congresses where the election of party office bearers are 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.

In many countries, there is a restrictive nature for the registration process for political parties which can prove difficult to overcome. Encouraging and supporting smaller parties in the region further promotes democratic processes within such countries.

In-country visits will be fewer over the next financial year due to the prioritisation of the study tour within Australia which represents all APGF member parties.

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

It is hoped that several parties will be supported to finalise their party registration and to stand candidates in upcoming regional and national elections by applying effective electoral campaign programs.

Additionally, building the membership base where this is a registration requirement including in remoter areas. In some instances, this can be high per head of population and can present some logistical challenges in countries such as in the Solomon Islands 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, and 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 communications and reports 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 formalisation of party status may 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 or free through billeting. Travel is economy or third class with bookings in advance and cheap airfares sought. Venue hire for meetings and Congresses is also of a basic economy standard.

In-country assessment visits are combined with a key event such as a Congress or Green School and is made best use of through party executive trainings. Project team members who have already built up expertise on the specific project and/or have worked in the region previously are nominated for the in-country assessment and training.

All costs are kept to a minimum so as more parties can be assisted and activities undertaken and assessed.