

Australian Political Parties for Democracy Program**2019-2020 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 2019-20 financial year
Country of organisation to be assisted/visited	<p>The Asia Pacific Greens Federation continues to see a steady 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 to be assisted are:</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 ● Taiwan: Tree Party of Taiwan ● Jordan: Jordanian Nature Democratic Party ● Solomon Islands: Green Party Solomon Islands

<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 receive training on party development and organisational procedures. Policy development is also a key focus. 2. A train the trainer program on digital campaigning will be trialed in Mongolia and India. 3. A training program will be implemented for Middle East Green parties. 4. The Australian Greens will offer training initiatives and internship/s to new and emerging key party representatives. 5. Training initiatives between non-OECD Green parties is also encouraged such Between Nepal, Indonesia and Mongolia on green schools programs.
<p>Estimated cost (split into project and administrative expenses)</p>	<p>Total cost: 65,000 Project and coordination costs: \$55,000 Administrative costs: \$10,000</p>

Monitoring and Evaluation Statement

Summary to address the following points:

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

The Asia Pacific Greens Federation last year consolidated many new parties such as Solomon Islands, Iraq, and a national India party. The Jordanian Nature Democratic Party is the most recent member party. In 2016 the APGF expand to include merging parties in the Middle East. The training scheduled for late 2019 is the first instance of support from the Australian Greens for many of these parties. Training needs have been identified in areas such as party development, policy development, youth and women's networks, and organisational planning prior to participating in local government, regional, and national elections.

The internship program has now been established for over four years. It delivers cross-country learning experiences and skills development in Australia or between parties in another APGF country to observe and learn from activities in the host country.

● **Why has this 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 with direct involvement with Australian Greens members and staff.

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

Newer 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 and understanding of democratic procedures.

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.

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

An evaluation will be conducted following each training initiative to assess their effectiveness and to make future recommendations. We will also be monitoring improvements in the operating capacities of the organisations assisted through 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 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 meeting and combining trainings en route or on return from the meeting. Economy class is used for travel fares which are booked well in advance to minimise costs. Basic accommodation, including shared rooms, is booked. For internships, billets are provided by Australian Greens members.

Key delegates in training initiatives will be APGF Council representatives or the party's executive/ leadership so that knowledge and skills remain inside the party and the federation.

In-country assessment visits are combined with a key event such as a Congress or an activity such as a Green School. We often extend this to include party executive trainings.

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 2019 – June 2020 the grant will support the continued development of the APGF secretariat including the ongoing support for the internship program. The internship is shared for the second year between two young women from the Nepali and Lebanon Green Parties who in turn are supporting the women's and youth networks for parties across the region.</p> <p>Support will continue to further the development of the Asia Pacific Greens Secretariat and networks.</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, Jordan, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Fiji, Japan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, Mongolia, Japan, Solomon Islands, and Nepal.
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<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, who 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 policies.2. To assist 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.5. To provide support on membership, sponsorship and development initiatives.
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Estimated cost (split into project and administrative expenses)	Total cost \$49,000 Project and coordination costs: \$41,000 Administrative costs: \$8,000
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Monitoring and Evaluation Statement

Summary to address the following points:

● How does this 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 provides leadership, act as a communication network, develop training materials, and monitor organisational quality within the federation. The Secretariat has been producing annual reports since 2018.

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

● Why has this 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 21 parties in the Asia Pacific and Middle East regions.

APGF has prioritised work on gender issues with the support given by the Australian Greens to the Women's Network. Training and mentoring of the APGF Women's network has greatly benefited from the setting up of a regional wide mentoring, webinars, and online resource program which was successfully piloted in the 2017/2018 financial year. It will be further supported in 2019/20 with the third and fourth intakes of women to be mentored and the introduction of two internet-based training meetings.

The Young Greens network within APGF is also actively supporting youth in APGF parties through networking and social media communications. 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 . Online Council meetings and women's network meetings are organised monthly. The Secretariat assists with the 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 the parties. The participating Greens organisations will develop a stronger connection with other Green parties in the region.

Through the ongoing work with the APGF Women's Network training initiatives we hope 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. A new initiative of internet meeting training will commence for those from three intakes of women who are mentored by more senior representative in APGF parties.

● **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 made available to all member parties so as operations can continue on a small budget.

In-country visits are combined with a key event such as a Congress or a Green School (two day intensive training) 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 via 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 2019– June 2020
Organisation to be assisted/visited	<p>Emerging Greens party organisations in the Asia-Pacific region, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mongolian Green Party ● Atjeh Green Party (Indonesia) ● India Green party ● In addition to the above the APGF Women’s Network with representative of 21 parties throughout the region (please see Activity 1 for full list of parties)
Country of organisation to be assisted/visited	All 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 online 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 will be used 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 \$ 86,000 Project and coordination costs: \$78,000 Administrative costs: \$8,000</p>

Monitoring and Evaluation Statement

Summary to address the following points:

● How does this 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 sub-regional meetings to build party branches and membership. The consolidation of 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.

● Why has this 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 most cases, there is inadequate or no 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 where a network of Green women is being developed, parties are not yet fully established. Other 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 is made, and membership outreach programs are implemented.

Project teams comprised of representatives from the recipient party, the Australian Greens and 2-3 other APGF member parties act as an information and skill resource pool for the recipient parties.

In many countries, there are significant barriers to 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.

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

It is hoped that several parties will be supported to finalise their party registration. Others will stand candidates in upcoming regional and national elections by applying effective electoral campaign programs – some for the first time. In the Pacific, in Polynesian countries in particular, a women’s network will be initiated to build women’s leadership in the political sphere.

The mentoring program for women in Green parties in the Asia, Pacific and Middle East is now entering its third year. Each intake 4-5 women from parties in the region are mentored by more experienced women in particular from the Australian or New Zealand Green parties.

A number of parties have party registration requirements across all districts and sub-districts in their country or in a number of states prior to registration by their Electoral Commission for the party to achieve registration. Building the membership base where this is a registration requirement including in remote areas is a key challenge. In some instances, this can be high per head of population and require substantial logistical planning in countries such as India and Atjeh Indonesia.

All of the above activities greatly build capacity and participation in democratic practices. They additionally develop leadership skills of women in the 21 affiliated Green parties through, mentoring, webinars and online trainings.

● **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. A review of each project is conducted by the project team and reported to the Australian Greens.

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 travel fares sought. Venue hire for meetings and Congresses is also of a basic economy standard.

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. Project teams meet every 4-6 weeks through online internet connections. These offer ongoing training for in-country project team members at little to no cost.

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