



Disability Equity & Rights Workshop



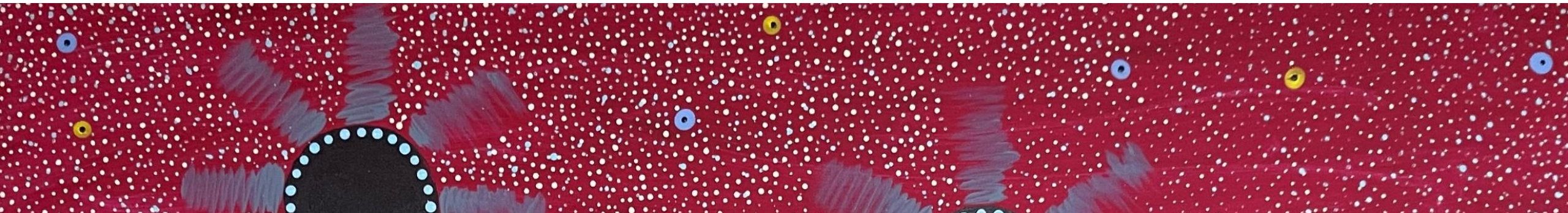
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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the many lands on which we all work today and pay our respects to Elders both past and present.

We extend this respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people participating in this workshop today.



Introductions & Access for all

Welcome

Accessibility

- Live captioning is available, please see link in chat.
- Auslan interpretation is available throughout the workshop. For those who use it, pin Kylie Clear and Amy Long who will be providing the interpretation.
- Please direct message Linda Munoz via the chat function if you have any further questions on accessibility.

Purpose of the workshop

1. Provide an overview on the context and process of the new disability equity and rights strategy DFAT will develop.
2. Coordinate insights and key asks on priority areas the Australian development sector would like to see reflected in the upcoming strategy.



Disability Equity & Rights Strategy DFAT Update

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WEBINAR

Workshop format

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Remote islands in Solomon Islands are already experiencing the effects of climate change in their daily lives. Once living in a location with an abundance of fish, the islanders are struggling to maintain their livelihoods. World Vision is working with local young people on these islands to empower them with information, education and leadership skills so they can have a chance to prosper economically and have more choices for their future. Photo: Kelzer/World Vision

Definitions

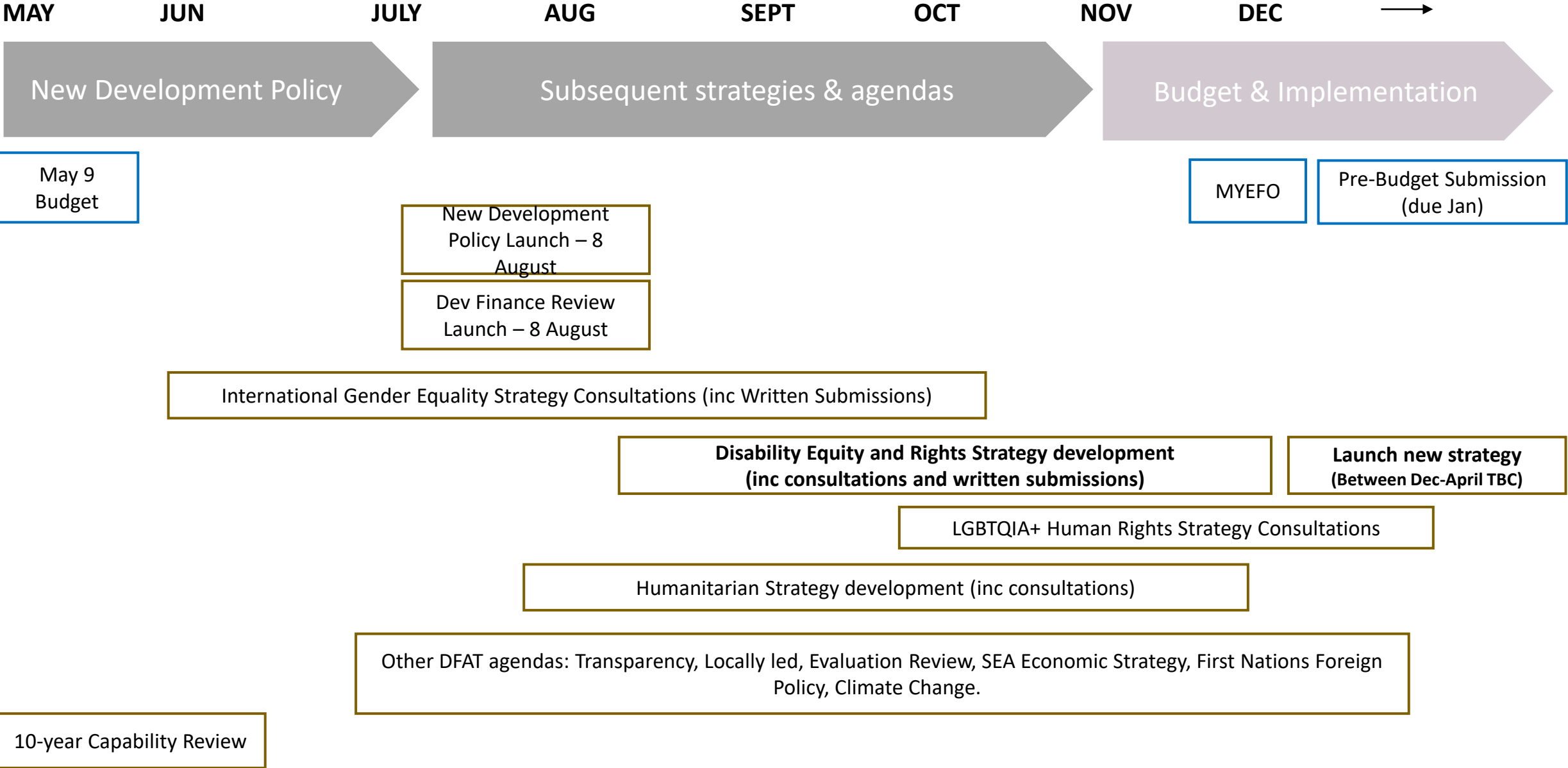
- **Disability inclusive development (DID):** the practice of including a disability dimension in all stages of aid delivered through international development, from policy through to programming, founded on the central tenant of the global disability movement, ‘Nothing about us without us’.
- **Specific/targeted programming:** initiatives and investments that are specifically design for people with disabilities.
- **Mainstream programming:** the inclusion of people with disabilities in all development initiatives and investments.
- **Reasonable accommodation:** necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments to ensure to persons with disabilities the enjoyment or exercise on an equal basis with others.

Definitions

- **Disability equity and rights:** A language shift from 'Disability Inclusion' to recognise that inclusion as such does not necessarily lead to full and equal participation.

"Rather than just a seat at the table, the shape of the table should be changed to ensure people with disabilities can fully participate".

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Strategy context

The international context

- Australia has long been a global leader in disability inclusive development, guided by the first and second *Development for All* strategies.
- Australia is a party to, and advocate, for the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.
- Australia is committed to Agenda 2030 and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Overall expectations

To advance disability equity, DFAT's new strategy would need to:

- **Ambitious** – for example, by being more broadly inclusive, seeking to support the inclusion of organisations excluded from mainstream representation and engagement.
- **Accountable** – for example, by setting a clear target on disability inclusion across the development program.
- **Resourced** – for example, by including an increase to DFAT's central disability allocation and annual increases at minimum in line with GNI thereafter.

Questions?



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Break - Return in 5mins



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Breakout groups – Discussion questions

1. What disability specific interventions does DFAT need to ensure are included in the next strategy? Consider interventions at global, regional, national and local levels.
2. What could DFAT require across all investments to support greater equity for people with disabilities? Consider requirement for program delivery to better enable inclusion of people with disabilities and their representative organisations.
3. What provisions across DFAT's broader remit, including security, trade and diplomacy, could generate greater equity for people with disabilities?
4. On DFAT's capability to implement this strategy, what are the key enablers both in Canberra and at Post to support disability equity?

Next steps

We will shortly send around:

- A summary of key points from small groups discussion, and
- A short survey requesting feedback but also to identify folks interested further discussion and coordination around influencing the disability equity and rights strategy.

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Resources

Disability equity and rights:

- *Planning for Equity: Making consultation processes inclusive of diverse people with disabilities*, access [here](#)
- Feminist Accessibility Protocol, access [here](#)
- UNDIS guidelines on consulting with persons with disabilities, access [here](#)
- CBM Australia toolkit
- Guides on shifting the power, disability rights and inclusion, and movement building, access [here](#)
- Inclusive International report, *Excluded from the Excluded: People with Intellectual Disabilities in (and out of) Official Development Assistance*, access [here](#)
- UNICEF, *Seen, Counted, Included: Using data to shed light on the well-being of children with disabilities*, access [here](#)
- WHO Global report on health equity for persons with disabilities, access [here](#)
- WHO Global report on assistive technology, access [here](#)
- ADDC website, access [here](#)
- DID4All – Disability inclusive development resources hub, access [here](#)

Australian Government strategies and policies:

- Australia's International Development Policy, access [here](#)
- *Development for All: Towards a disability-inclusive Australian aid program 2009-2014*, access [here](#)
- *Development for All 2015-2020: Strategy for strengthening disability-inclusive development in Australia's aid program*, access [here](#)