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Assisting Disrupted States

Failed and fragile states in the region and beyond can have a direct impact on Australia. In recent years, Australia has developed significant capacity to assist disrupted states including in Timor Leste, the Solomon Islands and Afghanistan. The Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy (APCD) and the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) are proud to host a timely examination of lessons learned in assisting disrupted states at a joint public forum to be held at Stephen House, 32 Thesiger Court, Deakin, on Thursday October 29 at 9:30am–12.30pm.

The forum will bring together a distinguished panel of experts engaged in assisting and ameliorating the plight of disrupted states both in our immediate Asia-Pacific neighborhood and further afield. The event will feature an address by former Chief of the Army Lieutenant General John Sanderson, who will be inaugurated as a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (FAIIA), and will be broadcast by Australia's Public Affairs Channel.

The program also includes Professor William Maley (ANU Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy), Ms Alison Chartres (Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence), Dr Jeremy Farrall (ANU Centre for International Governance and Justice), Mr Michael Maley (Australian Electoral Commission), Dr Susan Harris-Rimmer (ANU Centre for International Governance and Justice) and Professor Stephen Howes (ANU Crawford School of Economics and Government).

This event is free and open to the public; however places are limited.

Background information

The Australian Institute of International Affairs was established in 1924 as an independent non-political body to promote an interest in and understanding of international affairs. The AIIA operates nationwide with over 1,600 members across seven State and Territory Branches. The AIIA provides a forum for discussion, educates and disseminates ideas via its journal *Australian Journal of International Affairs* and book series including *Australia in World Affairs*.

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