

# Activities of the Regional Programme Australia and the Pacific 2018

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# The Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung

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*Konrad Adenauer (1876-1967)*

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is a political foundation of Germany. Its mission is to promote international dialogue, regional integration, sustainable development, good governance, democratic processes, social market economy and exchange of knowledge. Freedom, justice and solidarity are the guiding principles of KAS's work.

As a political foundation, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is associated with the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party of Germany and is named after the first Chancellor (Prime Minister) of the Federal Republic of Germany, Konrad Adenauer. Konrad Adenauer embodied Christian-social, conservative and liberal traditions. His name symbolises the democratic rebuilding of Germany, the anchoring of German foreign policy in a trans-Atlantic community of values, the vision of European unity, and Germany's orientation towards a social market economy.

Our more than 100 offices around the world are in charge of organising national and international conferences, conducting research, offering civic education and political training, and cultivating international understanding. Through its international activities and projects carried out in collaboration with local partners in over 120 countries, KAS makes a substantial contribution to international cooperation and to ensuring that Germany lives up to its growing responsibility in the world.

The aim of our work is to motivate and enable people to shape their own future by strengthening democracy, the rule of law and the social market economy. In order to secure peace and freedom, we support dialogues on foreign and security policy as well as cultural exchange. We collaborate with state institutions, decision makers, political parties, civil society organisations, and academics. Particularly in development policy, we want to use our goals and core values to expand international cooperation both regionally and globally, now and into the future. With our partners, we contribute to a world order that allows every country to develop with freedom and self-responsibility.

## A Word from the Director

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Last year I commented how we were looking back on a year of increasing uncertainties in the global political landscape. This year, I must note, is no different. Major power competition, tensions in the Korean Peninsula, an ever-evolving terrorist threat with links to organised crime and increasing concerns about cybersecurity – all these factors continue to pose significant challenges to the international rules-based order.

In Europe, countries still grapple with populist forces and resurging nationalist sentiments, new regional security challenges have emerged and the repercussions of the UK's withdrawal from the EU spell further uncertainty. For Australia, as a key player in the Asia-Pacific, questions of regional leadership, institution-building and integration are of paramount importance to ensure continued geopolitical and geoeconomic stability, security and prosperity. In a globalised and interdependent world, economic well-being, political stability and security are interlinked. For Australia, the security and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific (including the Indo-Pacific and the economic and security integration of the South Pacific region) are of central concern - not only in its wider geographical neighbourhood but also globally. What is happening in the Asia-Pacific does matter to Europe as well.

In this regard, it was encouraging to see the formalization of the EU-Australia Free Trade negotiations which are progressing swiftly. A Free Trade Agreement between the EU and New Zealand is also underway, highlighting the increased focus of our two regions to connect and cooperate.

Another sign for cautious optimism was that the leaders of the G20 Summit 2018 – despite significant differences – were in the end able to agree on a Declaration that focuses, at least rhetorically, on consensus and the commitment “to work together to improve a rules-based international order that is capable of effectively responding to a rapidly changing world”.

Responding to global challenges, there is an increased need for bilateral and multilateral cooperation of like-minded nations who can work together to uphold the principles underpinning the liberal architecture. This is done by devising frameworks and policies that reflect this normative foundation and offer solutions to the pressing problems of our time. The Konrad Adenauer Foundation is committed to enhancing understanding of the drivers of these global developments and promote knowledge-sharing and dialogue among key stakeholders in the political process. In this respect, the Canberra-Berlin Declaration, the recommendations of the Australia-Germany Advisory Group, as well as the new EU-Australia Partnership Framework Agreement mark important pillars of strategic cooperation.

In our second year as an established regional office, we have sought to achieve this by hosting and contributing to a number of theme-focused events in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. These ranged from political dialogue programmes to intensify the bilateral relationship between Germany, Australia and New Zealand, to newly minted Energy Security and Cyber Security Dialogues, and our well-established annual Australia-Europe Counter-Terrorism Dialogue. Other highlights included a new German-Australian Dialogue on Asia well as the second iteration of our annual Konrad Adenauer Lecture Series. We also further expanded a foothold for the Foundation in the South Pacific, by cooperating with the UNDP Pacific Office on a programme to support the development of political



parties in the region. Furthermore we established our first cooperation project to discuss public policy issues in the South Pacific through the Pacific Update 2018.

As you read on, you will hopefully be able to glean an overview of our focus and activities in 2018, a panorama snapshot of how we have sought to bring our regions closer together and contribute towards improving the political environment in this part of the world.

When reflecting back on 2018, it is hard not to anticipate a 2019 fraught with further insecurities and instability. But the best bet we have when trying to enact positive change in the political arena is to

look around and build trusting relationships with like-minded partners. To this we are committed, and we look forward to working together with you to achieve this goal. On this positive note, my team and I look forward to the new year and cordially thank all our friends and partners for the great support and cooperation.

Warm regards,

**Dr Beatrice Gorawantschy**  
Director Regional Programme  
Australia and the Pacific

## International Activities of KAS

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German political foundations are unique throughout the world. No other institution provides the same expertise in the field of democracy building and dialogue. The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is committed to fostering democracy and the rule of law, to implementing social and market-economic structures and to promoting human rights. With our worldwide networks and long-term partner structures, we shape policies domestically and globally. By training and educating young professionals, KAS promotes the development process in social groups and political parties. The Foundation fosters decentralisation processes based on the values of freedom, solidarity and justice by facilitating projects for public institutions in order to enhance their technical and administrative performance.

A pillar of our political work is research and consultancy. This is more than just giving advice on current political affairs. We conduct research on the implications of political developments and support reforms in order to achieve farsighted policies that help to prevent crises from emerging.

Currently KAS is present in around 120 countries on five continents with over 100 offices. The Department for European and International Cooperation coordinates our international collaboration activities.

Current international developments underscore the common interests of Germany and Australia in various policy fields. The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung aims to foster durable collaboration through political dialogues on a broad range of topics with Australia and New Zealand. For the European Union in general and Germany in particular, dialogues with Australia and New Zealand are of special relevance due to our history of strong bilateral and regional relations. Given our shared values, common beliefs and interests, there are manifold opportunities for this partnership.

## Main Areas of Cooperation in Australia and New Zealand

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### Parliamentary and Political Party Dialogue

Parliaments and political parties are the foundation and essence of every modern democratic system. They fulfil important functions in the legislative and executive components of the separation of powers, but above all, they represent the people and their interests. Germany, Australia and New Zealand are well-established and highly respected parliamentary systems with strong and accountable member

parties of the International Democratic Union (IDU). The current global challenges require not only governments to cooperate, but also representatives of parliaments and political parties to have constant theme-oriented exchanges of ideas and experiences. This will allow them to learn from each other, develop coherent and comprehensive strategies, and form alliances.

## Foreign and Security Policy

Globalisation has increased the interconnectedness of people and countries – the impact of political decisions and economic and social developments are increasingly felt in faraway lands. Intense political competition and digital developments have greatly influenced the way we see and understand foreign policy and traditional diplomacy. These complexities have created an increasingly challenging security environment. Efforts to

cooperate and mediate rather than confront are thus crucial. Germany's, Australia's, and New Zealand's foreign policies have always been guided by a commitment to multilateralism and regionalism. Key concerns for the three countries to address jointly include peaceful conflict resolution, crisis prevention, disarmament, free trade, counter-terrorism, cybersecurity, migration issues, and economic cooperation.

## Economic and Social Policy

Following a period of immense growth in wealth as a result of free market policies and an increase in global trade, current economic paradigms in the industrialised countries are generating considerably less economic growth. The structural causes of weak growth and sluggish improvements in productivity have to be addressed by the member states of the G20. Keys for future economic growth can be

found in the field of automation and data exchange in manufacturing technologies through Industry 4.0, the integration of digital technologies into the daily routine, improved access to innovation and information technologies, as well as start-up activities and the creation of a more crisis-proof global economic order based on the principles of the social market economy.

## Energy and Climate Policy

Climate change and the safeguarding of sustainable energy supplies are among the biggest global challenges for the coming decades. The global increase in extreme weather events due to climate change shows that energy supply based on fossil resources requires a reconsideration of conventional paradigms. It is hence necessary to transcend unilateral dependencies and release innovative potential in order to overcome this quandary. In Australia, New Zealand and Europe, mastering this

challenge is a task for the political and business sector as well as the whole of society since energy security also has a wider impact on areas such as foreign and security policy, the economic arena and socio-cultural issues. An innovative, eco-friendly and future-oriented transformation of lifestyles and economic activities can ensure long-lasting development opportunities and make a considerable contribution to the global battle against climate change.

## Our Activities in the South Pacific

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In the South Pacific, the effects of climate change have been most intense in recent years due to the low-lying nature of some of the islands. The region is also characterised by small populations and great distances between states. The South Pacific Islands States possess enormous potential but are at the same time faced with severe challenges which, as in the case of rising sea levels, ultimately threaten their very survival. Further challenges include the strong dependency on fossil fuels, lack of regional integration, the need for strong institutions and reliable political party systems as well as shifting

geopolitical relationships. It is therefore necessary to promote institution-building and regional integration as well as the development of broad-based political parties throughout the region. Economic, social and democratic reform processes will allow the region's states to grow and provide a good standard of living to their citizens. With climate change having serious consequences for the South Pacific, migration, infrastructure, sustainable energy supplies and natural disasters management will be determining factors in the region's future development.



*Panel of keynote speakers at the Inaugural Energy Policy Conference with Prof Friedbert Pflüger, MP Carsten Müller, Dr Joachim Lang and Dr Kerry Schott AO*

*LEFT: Introduction of speakers at the Inaugural Energy Policy Conference by Prof Dr Friedbert Pflüger, Director, EUCER*

*MIDDLE: Keynote speech by Dr Joachim Lang, Director General of BDI at the Inaugural Energy Policy Conference*

*RIGHT: Keynote speech by Carsten Müller, Member of the German Federal Parliament at the Inaugural Energy Policy Conference*



*Participants of the Energy Roundtable Discussion in Melbourne with Tony Arnel, President of the Energy Efficiency Council*

*TOP RIGHT: Panel of the Inaugural Energy Policy Conference with Patrick Suckling, Ambassador for Environment at DFAT, MP Carsten Müller and Caroline Lambert, Climate and Environment Counsellor of the EU*

*BOTTOM RIGHT: Panel of the Inaugural Energy Policy Conference with Dr Paul Burke, Kane Thornton, Dr Peter Röttgen, Dr Paul Barnes and Colonel Ian Cumming*





# A Selection of Our 2018 Activities

## Inaugural Energy Policy Dialogue

“Global Energy Security and Climate Change in Australia, Europe and the Asia-Pacific Region.”

*Brisbane, Sydney,  
Canberra and Melbourne,  
24-29 March 2018*

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Regional Programme - Australia and the Pacific, in collaboration with the European Centre for Energy and Resource Security (EUCERS) at King's College London and Climate-KIC Australia, brought together key international and regional experts from government, industry, academia and civil society to exchange comparative and contemporary perspectives on the challenges for comprehensive energy security strategies, the opportunities of digitalisation, cyber security risks and the effects of energy and resource security on international relations and geopolitics.

The core event of the inaugural energy policy dialogue was a 1.5-day conference in Canberra. This new platform for the energy policy debate provided the participants with the opportunity to discuss foreign and energy policy, and all aspects of energy security. Particularly the effect of energy

and resource security on international relations and geopolitics, with an international and contemporary perspective for stakeholders and decision-makers in the energy sector, have been discussed at the cutting edge of private and public interests.

The conference in Canberra was complemented by several meetings, presentations and roundtable discussions in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, where the delegation exchanged knowledge and expertise with Australian state representatives, institutions and energy experts on energy specific security strategies and the impact of climate change. The key message throughout the several events of the Energy Policy Dialogue Programme was that there are great opportunities for cooperation between Australia and Germany in the field of energy security, energy efficiency and the transition from conventional energy production towards renewable energy.

*Delegation of the Inaugural Energy Policy Dialogue*





Meeting with the Hesse Prime Minister Volker Bouffier (right)



Discussion with CDU Federal Managing Director Dr Klaus Schüler



Selfie with the Australian Prime Minister



Junge Union of Hesse

## Interparty Dialogue

### Australian Liberal Party Delegation's Visit to Germany

*Berlin, Wiesbaden,  
23-27 April 2018*

A delegation of the Liberal/National Party visited Berlin and the state of Hesse for an exchange with their German state and federal level counterparts. Meetings focused on both countries' current challenges with regard to domestic political developments, election politics and foreign policy. A central topic in meetings with representatives of the Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU) was election campaigning, with participants sharing their experiences and comparing methods of digital-age campaigns. The visit by the Australian Liberal/National Party delegation to Berlin also coincided

with the official visit of Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull MP, who delivered a widely acclaimed keynote address at KAS headquarters in Berlin. Furthermore, the delegates met with the Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung – former President of the German Bundestag Prof Norbert Lammert – with whom they discussed European policy issues. A special invitation extended by the New Zealand and Australian Embassies saw the delegation participate in the 2018 ANZAC Day commemorative service at the CWGC 1939-1945 War Cemetery in Berlin.



*The Australian Liberal Party delegation together with the Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Prof Dr Norbert Lammert, the Australian Prime Minister, The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, the Australian Minister for Finance, The Hon Mathias Cormann, and the Federal MPs Volkmar Klein and Michaela Noll*



*The Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP ...*



*... giving a keynote address at the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Berlin ...*



*... in front of a distinguished audience of politicians and other relevant stakeholders ...*



*... followed by a Q&A Session*

## Securing the Future – Extending Free Trade PM Turnbull’s Lecture at KAS Berlin

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Australian Prime Minister  
Malcolm Turnbull and KAS  
Chairman Prof Norbert Lammert  
reaffirm a close cooperation  
between Australia and Europe

*Berlin,  
23 April 2018*

In an address at the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Berlin, the then-Australian Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, made the case for a speedy implementation of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Australia and the EU. In conversation with the Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung – former President of the German Bundestag Prof Norbert Lammert – both (former) political leaders affirmed their commitment to closer cooperation between Australia and Germany. In his keynote PM Turnbull highlighted that the EU was Australia’s second biggest trading partner after China and emphasised that only free trade could assure peace and prosperity – while protectionism would

endanger the foundation of cooperation. Turnbull also reminded the audience of a meeting in 1956 between German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Australian Prime Minister Robert Menzies where the statesmen confirmed their mutual support of the liberal order, with both “fighting for the values of freedom, individual enterprise, individual human dignity.” He concluded that today Germany and Australia uphold this foundation and continue to share “a great accordance of views (...) in regards to the most pressing problems of our time.” The ensuing discussion was moderated by Dr Beatrice Gorawantschy, Director of the KAS Regional Programme Australia and the Pacific.



*Australian Finance Minister Mathias Cormann, Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and KAS Chairman Prof Dr Norbert Lammert (from left to right).*

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At the official opening with Mike Burgess, Director-General Designate of the Australian Signals Directory (2nd from right), Dr Tobias Feakin, Australia's Ambassador for Cyber Affairs (1st on left) and Mr Hans-Wilhelm Dünn, President of the German Cyber Security Council e.V. (1st on right)



Dr Tobias Feakin, Australia's Ambassador for Cyber Affairs giving the keynote speech at the opening of the Dialogue



Expert Panel with Jeff Connolly, CEO of Siemens Australia



Mr Hans-Wilhelm Dünn giving an overview of Germany's Cybersecurity landscape



Alastair MacGibbon (2nd from right), Australia's National Cyber Security Advisor and Head of the Cyber Security Centre

RIGHT: Prof Mario Voigt (Member of the State Parliament of Thuringia and Professor of Digital Transformation at Quadriga University Berlin) giving a lecture on cybersecurity at Macquarie University in Sydney



# 1st Australian-German 1.5 Track Cyber Security Dialogue

## “Mapping the Field: The New Ecology of Cyber Security Challenges”

Canberra, Sydney,  
18-22 June 2018

In cooperation with the Department of Security Studies and Criminology at Macquarie University, KAS Australia brought together a group of policy-makers, academic experts and representatives from the private sector to share perspectives, open up avenues for discussion and identify areas for cooperation in this increasingly important area. Titled “Mapping the Field: The New Ecology of Cyber Security Challenges”, the dialogue was opened by Australia’s Ambassador for Cyber Affairs, Dr. Tobias Feakin. Over two days, a delegation of German cyber professionals and government representatives met with Australian counterparts to discuss the most pressing challenges and opportunities in cyber space. In particular, the conference addressed crucial aspects of the contemporary cyber landscape, ranging from the geopolitical level and questions about the shifting global order and international cyber norms to military cyber operations, private sector/industry perspectives, as well as the challenges of building the cyber workforce of the future. As was highlighted during the conference, this is an area where collaborative frameworks are needed to move into the future. The 1.5 track space is a unique avenue for fostering meaningful cooperation as it allows for developing ideas among experts from the academic and think tank world, private sector stakeholders, policy makers and government representatives. It is of course difficult to sum up two intensive conference days, but if we had to distill the great discussions and exchanges into a few key take-aways, one would certainly be the shared recognition that the challenge of cybersecurity requires interconnected, holistic perspectives and approaches. Germany and Australia are well-positioned to take these discussions further in order to build strong partnerships in this area.



Australia’s National Cyber Security Advisor and Head of the Australian Cyber Security Centre, Alastair MacGibbon (3rd from right), with Cyber Ambassador Dr Thomas Fitschen from the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hans-Wilhelm Dünn, President of the German Cyber Security Council e.V., Peter Jennings, Executive Director of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (1st from the left) and Prof Ben Schreer, Director of the Department for Security Studies and Criminology at Macquarie University (2nd on the left)



Group photo with delegates (from right to left): Hans-Wilhelm Dünn (German Cyber Security Council e. V.), Prof Mario Voigt (Quadriga University Berlin), Jeff Connolly (Siemens Australia), Dr Beatrice Gorawantschy (KAS) Jacqie McNamara (Telstra), Prof Ben Schreer (Macquarie University), Michelle Price (AustCyber), Cyrus Delarami (Munich RE), Katja Theodorakis (KAS)



*Vangelis Vitalis, Trade and Economic Deputy Secretary, MFAT*



*Prof Evelyn Goh, Shedden Professor of Strategic Policy Studies, Australian National University*



*Prof Robert Patman, Department of Politics, University of Otago, and Prof Patrick Köllner, Vice President, German Institute of Global and Regional Studies*



*Rapporteurs of MFAT*



## 53rd Otago Foreign Policy School

### “Asia-Pacific Diplomacy in Transition: Ideas, Issues and Institutions”

*Dunedin,  
29 June – 1 July 2018*

Held over three days, commencing Friday 29th June, the 2018 University of Otago Foreign Policy School took place in Dunedin, New Zealand. Considered one of New Zealand’s foremost events on foreign policy, participants included representatives from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and several government agencies, delegates from the academic and diplomatic spheres, along with journalists and representatives from NGOs and the private sector.

During the two and a half day conference, scholars and practitioners discussed the effects of globalisation and the persistence of great power rivalries, and their impact on diplomacy in New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region. Conference session topics included: ‘The Asia-Pacific in Transition: Globalisation and the Economic-Security Nexus’, ‘America’s Rebalancing towards the Asia-

Pacific in Retrospect and Prospect’, ‘Understanding the Development and Roles of Think Tanks in East Asia and Beyond’, ‘Economic Diplomacy and Diplomatic Economists in the Asia-Pacific’, ‘Diplomacy to Denuclearise the DPRK’ and more. In addition, two roundtable discussions were held – one focused on ‘MFA’s 75th Anniversary Reflections on Asia-Pacific’, with the second roundtable event discussing ‘The Challenge of Institutional Adaptation for Foreign Ministries’.

The key message of the 53rd Otago Foreign Policy School was that there is increasing uncertainty in the Asia-Pacific region as a result of globalisation and the persistence of great power rivalry. New Zealand and its partners therefore need to step up to provide reliability and confidence in a rules based order, in order to deal with the complex challenges facing the Asia-Pacific region.

*Panel at the Otago Foreign Policy School 2018 on the Challenge of Institutional Adaptation for Foreign Ministries with Anna Naupa, UN ESCAP, Fiji and Dr Timo Bauer-Savage, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Germany*





*Opening ceremony at the Pacific Update 2018 with Her Excellency Ms Amy Crago, Deputy Australian High Commissioner to Fiji, and keynote speaker, the Hon Dr Mahendra Reddy, Minister for Waterways, Fiji Government (fourth from left)*



*Plenary panel at the Pacific Update 2018 on the Fiji economy with Ariff Ali, Governor, Reserve Bank of Fiji (left)*

*Prof Stephen Howes (right), Director, ANU Development Policy Centre with Simon Aleker (KAS) at the Pacific Update 2018*



## Pacific Update 2018

### Challenges and Opportunities of Public Policy Debate in the South Pacific

*Suva,  
5-6 July 2018*

The Development Policy Centre at the Australian National University, in cooperation with the School of Economics at the University of the South Pacific and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Regional Programme – Australia and the Pacific, hosted the public-policy focused 2018 Pacific Update conference in Suva, Fiji over the 5th and 6th of July.

The Pacific Update is the premier platform for the discussion of current public policy issues in the South Pacific. As a multidisciplinary conference, it brings together policymakers, academics and development practitioners, along with members of the general public, to discuss economic, social, political and environmental developments in the region.

Over the course of the conference, delegates participated in discussions across three parallel sessions, covering the following topics: Economic development and poverty alleviation, Climate

change, Resilience and the blue economy, Gender equality, Regionalism, Labour mobility, migration and international trade, Tourism, Resource management, fisheries, and agriculture, Social policy, health and education, Financial inclusion, Economic management and public sector reform, Infrastructure management and development, Foreign aid and climate financing and the political economy of development.

More than 300 people attended the conference in Suva; in addition, a digital livestream of the conference, which was also made available on YouTube, went out to all regional campuses of the University of the South Pacific. The Pacific Update 2018 was well received by attendees. The thought-provoking discussions during the conference sessions highlighted the interest in, and demand for, debate on public policy affairs affecting the South Pacific.

*Dr Matthew Dornan, Deputy  
Director, ANU Development  
Policy Centre*





*Prof Jörn Dosch from Rostock University giving a presentation of the future of ASEAN*



*Panel discussions at the dialogue with the ANU College of the Asia and the Pacific*



# 1st KAS – CAP Australian-German Dialogue on Asia

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## Scoping Areas of Common Interest and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific

*Canberra,  
29-31 August 2018*

In cooperation with the College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP) at the ANU, KAS Australia conducted for the first time a conference to address the challenges and opportunities offered by the ever-evolving geographical, economic and strategic space of Asia.

This academic conference brought together Australian and German experts on the Asia-Pacific. The aim was to exchange perspectives on future trends, trajectories and themes that will be of

relevance for both countries and their interests in the region. Particular topics of discussion were ASEAN, regional cooperation and multilateralism, mapping the challenges in the Indo-Pacific, maritime security as well as religious extremism in South East Asia.



*Group photo of the German delegation with selected speakers from ANU*

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## Expert and Think Tank Discussions in New Zealand

### Geopolitical Challenges in a Changing Region

*Wellington & Christchurch,  
5-7 September 2018*

Several meetings and discussions on Asia and the current challenges in the Asia-Pacific region took place with experts and Think Tanks in New Zealand.

The meetings with experts and think tanks in Wellington and Christchurch focused on the current geopolitical challenges in the region. Rabea Brauer, Head of Team Asia and the Pacific at KAS met with experts of the Asia-New Zealand Foundation, The New Zealand Initiative, the University of Canterbury in Christchurch and the Centre for Strategic Studies at the Victoria University in Wellington.



*Dr Oliver Hartwich, CEO, The New Zealand Initiative with Rabea Brauer, KAS Head Team Asia and the Pacific, and Dr Beatrice Gorawantschy*



*Participants at the roundtable discussion with the Asia-New Zealand Foundation*



*Prime Minister of Vanuatu, Charlot Salwai at the opening of the Regional Workshop on Political Parties in the Pacific*



*Prof Julio Teehankee, Professor of Political Science and International Studies at De La Salle University*



*Dr Sandeep Shastri, Pro Vice Chancellor of the Jain University*



*Participants at the Regional Workshop on Political Parties in the Pacific*



# Regional Workshop on Political Parties in the Pacific

## Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for Political Parties

*Port Vila,  
19-21 September 2018*

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office in Fiji, in cooperation with the KAS Regional Programme – Australia and the Pacific, organised a workshop on Political Parties in the Pacific which took in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

The theme of this year's workshop was 'Legal and Regulatory Frameworks for Political Parties', the intention being to provide participants with an overview on regional and international best practices to regulate and organise political parties. The overall aim of the dialogue was to promote a common understanding of democratic processes in the South Pacific and to identify possible links for future cooperation. More than 100 representatives from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, Australia and New Zealand participated in the event.

Following welcome remarks from The Hon Charlot Salwai Tabimasmas, Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu, and Bakhodir Burkhanov, Country Director of the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji, regional and international experts held several workshop sessions with delegates. The sessions focused on the following themes: 'An overview of Regulating Political Parties', 'Common Requirements for registering political parties', 'Organisation requirements for registered political parties', 'Regulating Political Parties Finance', 'The relationship between Party and elected representative', 'Regulating the movement of elected representatives between parties: Examples from the region' and 'Regulating the movement of parties of elected representatives between parties – Impact'.



*Prime Minister of Vanuatu Charlot Salwai (2nd from right) with Bakhodir Burkhanov (middle), UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji Country Director & Head of Regional Policy and Programmes, Dyfan Jones (left), UNDP Effective Governance Team Leader & Parliamentary Development Specialist, and KAS representatives Kieu Pham and Simon Aleker*

MP Klein giving the keynote address at the Australian-German Business Summit in Melbourne



TOP: With the Hon Stephan Knoll, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government in South Australia (2nd from right)



LEFT: Meeting with Prof Brian Schmidt, Vice Chancellor of the Australian National University



With the Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Education (middle)



At the Tonsley Innovation District in Adelaide



TOP: With the Hon Ben Morton, MP (2nd from left)



TOP RIGHT: With the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance

RIGHT: With Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs (2nd from right)



# Political Dialogue Programme Australian-German Relations with MP Volkmar Klein

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## “Safeguarding the Momentum behind the Bilateral Relationship”

*Canberra, Sydney,  
Adelaide, Melbourne,  
16–21 September 2018*

Australia and Germany have been enjoying an increasingly close relationship. MP Volkmar Klein's visit to Canberra, Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne provided an excellent opportunity to focus on strengthening these ties further. MP Klein is the re-elected Chairman of the former German-Australian-New Zealand Parliamentary Friendship Group at the Bundestag which has now been renamed to German-Pacific Parliamentary Friendship Group, and he travelled to Australia for the purpose of a political dialogue program with Parliamentarians and political decision-makers. This included roundtable discussions with experts centered on the current political, socio-economic and security challenges faced by both countries as well as in the wider region. The onus of all the events has been, in MP Klein's words, on “safeguarding the momentum behind the bilateral relationship” as both countries are undergoing political changes and are facing similar challenges in the broader context of security, politics, economics and culture. In Adelaide, this included a meeting with the Hon Stephan Knoll,

Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government in South Australia as well as the opportunity to visit the Tonsley Innovation District where leading research and education institutions, start-ups, established businesses, government and the wider community are connected to create new ideas together. In Canberra, various political meetings and an academic roundtable discussion proved fruitful in regards to enhancing the bilateral ties between both countries. The visit to Sydney took the delegates to the NSW Parliament House for discussions with politicians at the state-level, followed by an exchange with senior representatives from the German expat community. Finally, in Melbourne the focus was on the opportunities afforded by free trade, with MP Klein giving a keynote speech at the Australia-Germany Business Summit which was organized by the German-Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce. Rounding off this whirlwind tour of Australia was a visit of the exhibition “Dynamics of Air”, which was organized by the Goethe-Institute Australia.

*Group shot at the ANU  
Centre for European  
Studies Roundtable*

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*Delegates at the 4th ASPI-KAS Australia-Europe Counter-Terrorism Dialogue*



*From right to left: Peter Jennings, Director ASPI, Senator Linda Reynolds, Parliamentary State Secretary Günter Krings, German Ambassador Anna Prinz, EU Ambassador Michael Pulch, Dr Beatrice Gorawantschy (KAS)*



*Parliamentary State Secretary Günter Krings with the NSW CT Minister David Elliot*



*Roundtable with Parliamentary State Secretary Günter Krings and representatives from the German-Australian Business Community, organised by the German-Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce*

## 4th ASPI-KAS 1.5 Track Australia-Europe Counter-Terrorism Dialogue

### “Shifting Frontiers: Addressing Post-Caliphate Terrorism Dynamics”

*Canberra and Sydney,  
24–26 October 2018*

In cooperation with the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), KAS Regional Programme Australia and the Pacific brought a high-level delegation of Counter-Terrorism policymakers and experts from Germany and the EU to Australia to discuss current trends, effective counter-strategies and increase cooperation regarding these developments.

Despite military victory over the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq, where the group has lost 98% of its territory, it is important to evaluate whether there are new potential geopolitical hotspots arising and how threat dynamics evolve and intersect at the global, regional and local level. Moreover, understanding cooperation among terrorist actors, and the shift to informal networks on-and offline are emerging topics in this area, as well as devising whole-of-government, soft-power approaches to deal with violent extremism in its various forms. The German/European delegation was headed by Professor Günter Krings MP, who is Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community and specializes in domestic security issues, especially from a legal perspective. The dialogue was officially opened by keynote addresses from both Parliamentary State Secretary Krings and, representing the Australian side, the Hon Senator Linda Reynolds, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs.

The dialogue’s central event, a 2-day closed-door conference under Chatham House Rule at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute in Canberra was centered on assessing key developments, sharing experience from the operational level, critically examining existing methods and initiatives as well as looking at how current practices could be further developed to meet evolving challenges. It focused on the key topics of the contemporary threat landscape, including assessing the proliferation of the crime-terror nexus, how to disrupt the radicalization process online, in prisons and in local communities, as well as the global-local jihadi connections in regions other than the Middle East. This was followed by meetings at various ministries and institutions in Canberra and Sydney, where the German/European delegation was able to further exchange expertise and share experiences with Australian CT experts and decision-makers. Widening the focus to include other security challenges, this also included a cybersecurity roundtable with Prof Krings and industry experts from the German-Australian business community, organized by the German-Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce, which discussed threats by cyberattacks on government, companies and individuals as well as public infrastructure.

*Roundtable discussion on migration/integration issues by the German Embassy, with experts from ANU and the Ministry of Home Affairs*



## ANU NSC 'Women in National Security' Conference 2018

### "Power, Security and Change"

Canberra,  
24-25 October 2018

It was a great opportunity to be able to contribute to the ANU National Security College's annual "Women in National Security Conference". KAS Australia and the Pacific supported this venture by inviting a female foreign policy expert from Germany to join the inspirational cast of speakers at this year's conference. Dr Nicole Renvert, Associate Fellow at the Transatlantic Relations Program of the German Council of Foreign Relations presented a European perspective on the opportunities and challenges of the Indo-Pacific.

*Dr Nicole Renvert (left) speaking at the conference*



## Parliamentary State Secretary Thomas Rachel Visiting KAS Australia

### Briefing on KAS Activities in Australia and the Pacific

Canberra,  
29 October 2018

KAS Australia and the Pacific was delighted to meet with Thomas Rachel, Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Minister of Education and Research, Dr Anette Pieper from the German Academic Exchange Service and Dr Kerstin

Zimmermann from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. It was great to connect with them while discussing the activities of KAS Australia and the Pacific.



## Luncheon Discussion with the German Minister of Defence

Security Challenges in the Asia-Pacific Region and Europe

*Canberra,  
24 October 2018*



On the occasion of the visit of the German Minister of Defence, Dr Ursula von der Leyen, KAS Australia and the Pacific co-hosted a luncheon discussion in cooperation with the German Embassy. Current security challenges in the region were discussed with prominent Australian stakeholders.



*The Hon Dr Brendan Nelson,  
Director of the Australian War  
Memorial, in response to  
Prof Clark*



*Prof Clark pictured with  
Dr Beatrice Gorawantschy (left),  
Dr Brendan Nelson and Prof  
Jacqueline Lo (right), Executive  
Director of the ANU Centre for  
European Studies*



*2nd Konrad Adenauer Lecture at The Hall, University House, ANU*



## 2nd Konrad Adenauer Lecture

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### Professor Sir Christopher Clark: “Uncertain Times. Germany, Europe and the World Order”

*Canberra,  
15 November 2018*

According to Professor Sir Christopher Clark, history should not be seen as a master, illuminating the way ahead of us, but more like an oracle: it offers us a variety of narratives, and it is only by attempting to understand and explain these stories that we deepen our understanding of today's problems.

This becomes even more important when we think of the present state of world politics which is full of political and geostrategic challenges: Brexit, the military conflict between NATO and Russia or President Trump's unpredictable foreign policy are just a few of the examples Prof Clark analysed. He compared the current geopolitical situation to the starting point of World War I, noting that in the past, as today, alliances break up when there is a lack of trust among alliance partners.

It is almost impossible to predict the likely trajectory of foreign and security challenges – in Europe and even more so globally. But to avoid being caught off-guard by an escalating conflict, political decision makers should think ahead more. We must anticipate possible incidents, tensions and their consequences proactively so that we can be adequately prepared. In this manner, Europe could still achieve to build a promising future.

The inaugural Konrad Adenauer Lecture was delivered by Prof Dr Norbert Lammert in 2017. It was devised by KAS Australia and the Pacific as an annual event in cooperation with the Centre for European Studies at the Australian National University (ANU). This year's lecture attracted 250 guests from politics, the diplomatic corps, academia, the economic sector and the media. The event was held at the The Hall, ANU University House, Canberra.

*Keynote Speaker Prof Sir  
Christopher Clark, Regius  
Professor of History at  
University of Cambridge*

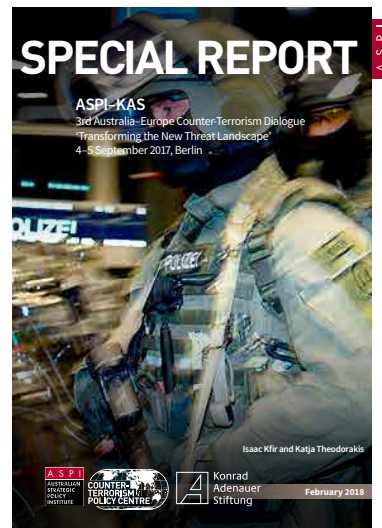
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## Special Report: Transforming the New Threat Landscape

Authors: Dr Isaac Kfir, Katja Theodorakis

A Special Report detailing the findings of our 3rd Australia-Europe Counter-Terrorism Dialogue, published in cooperation with the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI). While the dialogue itself operated under Chatham House Rule for the non-attribution of personal comments and views, this report brings together the key issues and themes, which include: the changing terrorism landscape (2016-2017), counterterrorism lessons learned and new initiatives, terrorist propaganda and counterterrorism information operations. An integral theme that ran through the 2017 dialogue was that governments must work closely with civil society and the research community, which they're doing in Germany and Australia. This requires careful balancing between the need for security and the protection of democratic values when countering violent extremism, necessitating a healthy discussion between different stakeholders to make sure that this balance is maintained.



The publication is available under the following link: [www.kas.de/web/australien/single-title/-/content/special-report-3-aspi-kas-australisch-europaeischer-counter-terrorismus-dialog](http://www.kas.de/web/australien/single-title/-/content/special-report-3-aspi-kas-australisch-europaeischer-counter-terrorismus-dialog)

*NOTE: Similarly, a comprehensive report about our 2018 Counter-Terrorism Dialogue will be released in cooperation with ASPI in the first quarter of 2019.*

## The Konrad Adenauer Lecture Publication Series

This is the publication accompanying the annual KAS Lecture Series.

The establishment of the prestigious annual Konrad Adenauer Lecture Series was the culmination of an ongoing collaboration between the ANU Centre for European Studies (ANUCES) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS).

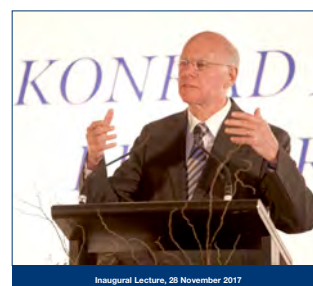
This series is focused on enhancing understanding of Germany and Europe in Australia and the wider region. The inaugural Konrad Adenauer Lecture was delivered by Professor Dr Norbert Lammert, Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and former President of the German Federal Parliament.



### Konrad Adenauer Lecture Series

Inaugural Lecture: 'Germany and Europe in a New Era of Global Challenges'

By Professor Dr Norbert Lammert  
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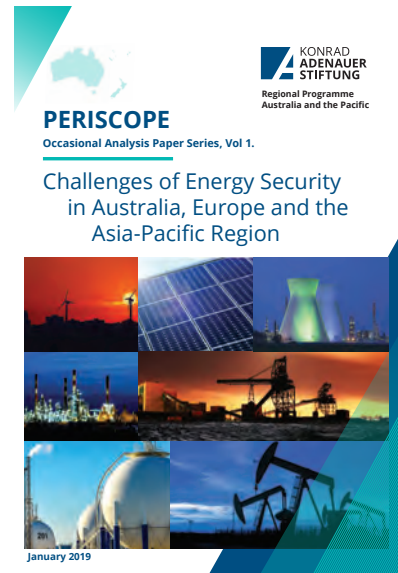


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## PERISCOPE – Occasional Analysis Paper Series Vol. 1

**Editors:** Dr Beatrice Gorawantschy, Simon Aleker  
**Authors:** Prof Dr Friedbert Pflüger, Assoc Prof Dr Llewelyn Hughes, Dr Peter Hefele, Dr Graham Palmer, Simon Aleker, Marian Schoen

'Periscope' is the new occasional analytical paper series of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation's Regional Programme Australia and the Pacific. Just like the real-world sighting instrument, Periscope is meant to broaden our view – taking in perspectives from different angles. In this instance, it seeks to bring together perspectives from Germany, Europe and the Australia/Pacific region in order to augment our understanding of contemporary issues in the area of foreign and security policy as well as energy, economic and social policy matters. The first edition of this new publication focuses on the 'Challenges of Energy Security in Australia, Europe and the Asia-Pacific Region'. This paper summarizes and elaborates on the key findings of the 'Inaugural Energy Security Policy Dialogue' which was held in Australia in 2018. 'Periscope' is the new occasional analytical paper series of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation's Regional Programme Australia and the Pacific. Just like the real-world sighting instrument, Periscope is meant to broaden our view – taking in perspectives from different angles. In this instance, it seeks to bring together perspectives from Germany,



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## KAS AusPacific Digital Snapshot

This is a potpourri of current affairs topics from Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific brought to you by KAS Australia and the Pacific. Every fortnight, this digital snapshot showcases selected media and think tank articles to give a panorama view of the public debate in the Australia-Pacific region.

The views expressed in these articles do not necessarily reflect the position of KAS Australia and the Pacific. Rather, they are selected to give an overview of the various topics and perspectives which dominate public and political discussions.



Our digital snapshots are available under the following links: [www.kas.de/web/australien/news-angebot-kas-auspacific-digital-snapshot](http://www.kas.de/web/australien/news-angebot-kas-auspacific-digital-snapshot)  
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## Meet the Team



**Dr Beatrice  
Gorawantschy**

Director Regional Programme  
Australia and the Pacific

"Having been posted to various offices of the international network of KAS – in Ankara, Manila, Bangkok, Paris, New Delhi and Singapore – it is an exciting challenge and great privilege to head a new Regional Programme on a new continent!"



**Tamara Hudson**

Event & Office Manager

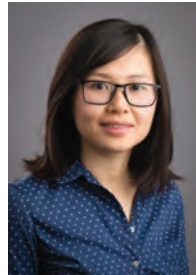
"My background in event and administration management in both the private and public sector was a perfect fit for the KAS Australia and the Pacific team. I support my colleagues in the delivery of our dialogue activities in the region, coordinating event and travel logistics, and am excited about the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead for us."



**Katja Theodorakis**

Programme Manager Foreign/  
Security Policy and Counter-  
Terrorism

"My background is in research, in the field of terrorism, Middle East politics, ideology and national security issues. It's exciting for me to apply this knowledge to my work, especially in the area of enhancing cooperation between our two regions."



**Kieu Pham**

Financial and Administration  
Manager

"The establishment of a KAS office in Canberra is a great opportunity to contribute to the bilateral cooperation between Germany and Australia through our activities, seminars and conferences. As a finance manager, I assure the integrity and due diligence in every aspect of the work at KAS."



**Barbara Rundel**

Administration and  
Research Officer

"Back in Germany, I was a teacher with compassion and enthusiasm, but moving to Australia opened new doors: My favourite thing about my position at KAS is the variety of tasks in the areas of administration, content management and public relations."



**Simon Aleker**

Programme Manager,  
Energy and Climate Policy/  
Development Policy

"Coming from a professional background in the research and consulting sector, in developed and developing countries, I have a particular interest in regional and economic development. This is why I am delighted to have joined the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung as the Programme Manager for Energy and Climate Policy/Development Policy."

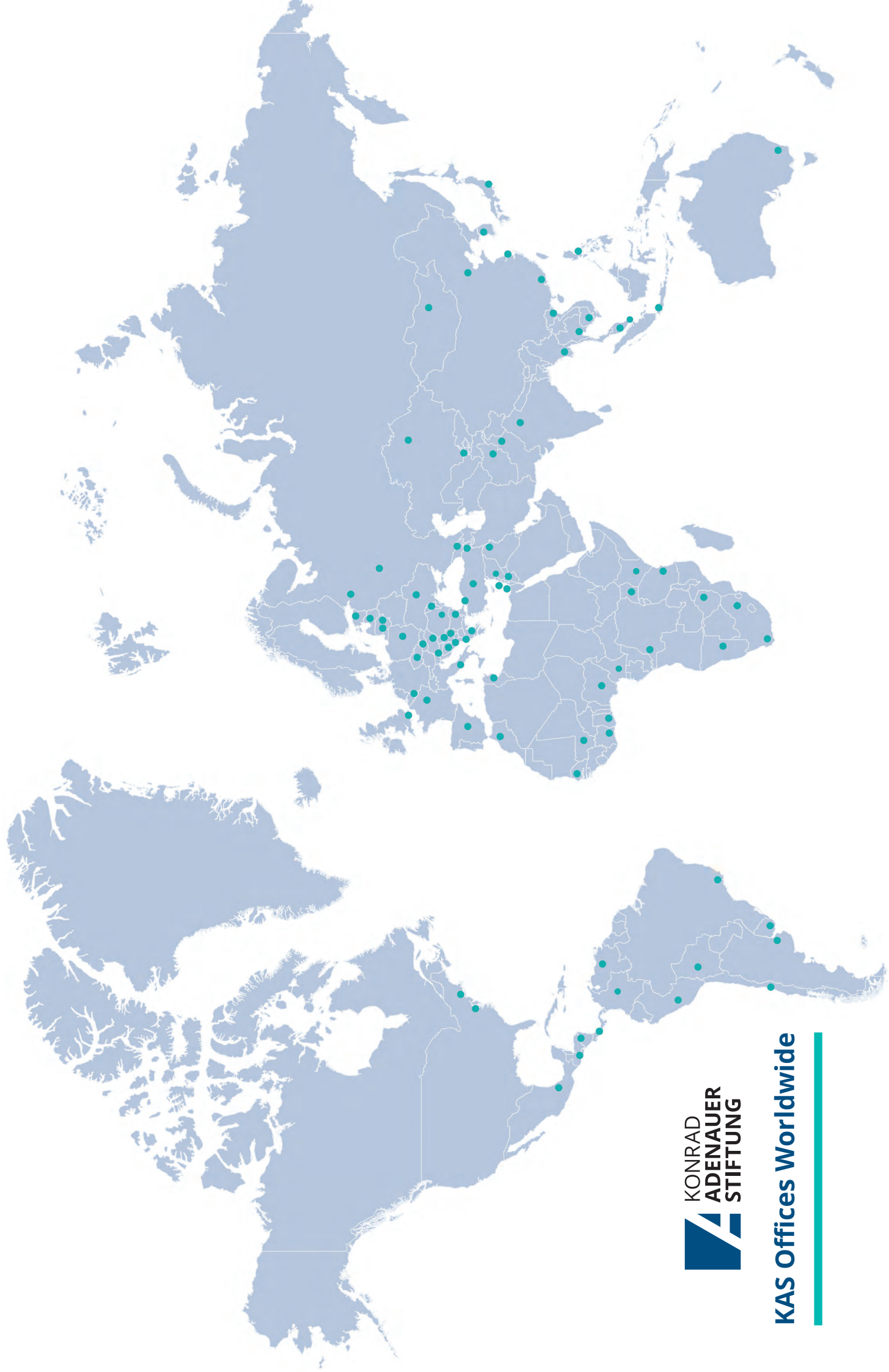


## We look forward to working with you in 2019

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*The KAS Australia and the Pacific Team (from left to right):  
Mr Simon Aleker, Ms Barbara Rundel, Dr Beatrice Gorawantschy,  
Ms Katja Theodorakis, Ms Tamara Hudson, Ms Kieu Pham*

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