

Australian Political Parties for Democracy Program

2020-2021 Activity Proposals for the Australian Greens

Activity Proposal 1 Part 1

Name of activity	Networking and training for Asia-Pacific Green parties
Estimated timing of Activity	Activities spanning October 2020 - June 21 financial year
Country of organisation to be assisted	<p>The Asia Pacific Greens Federation (APGF) continues to see steady progress as a Federation of Green political parties in the Asia, Pacific, and Middle East region. During the course of the last year, the Federation's focus has expanded to include new organisational sub-committees on policy; and funding and communications; and the indigenous people's network across the region revived. A wider involvement across parties in key roles is now effectively operating including at management committee level.</p> <p>Current Asia Pacific Greens Federation (APGF) member and associate parties are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Australian Greens● Bangladesh: Bangladesh Green Party● Fiji: Fijian Green Party● Indonesia Atjeh: Atjeh Green Party● Indonesia: Parti Hijau Indonesia● Indonesia: Saraket Hijau Indonesia● India: India Greens Party● India (Northern): UttarakhandParivartan Party (UKPP)● Iraq: Green Party of Iraq● Japan: Midori no Mirai/Greens Japan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jordan: Jordanian Nature Party ● Lebanon: Green Party of Lebanon ● Pakistan: Pakistan Greens ● Palestine: Palestinian Green Party ● Philippines: Green Party of the Philippines ● Mongolia; Mongolian Green Party ● Nepal: Nepali Greens ● New Zealand: Green Party Aotearoa New Zealand ● Solomon Islands: Green Party Solomon Islands ● South Korea: Green Party of Korea ● Taiwan: Green Party Taiwan <p>The program will benefit all of the parties above in non-OECD countries. International cooperation will be encouraged from parties in OECD countries.</p>
<p>Outline of Activity</p>	<p>The Australian Greens will offer online and where appropriate limited face to face training initiatives to new and emerging key Green parties' representatives.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Party representatives will receive training on party development and organisational procedures such as project management, and policy development. <p>Twenty template policies for parties to adapt to a national level were agreed by the APGF Council over the past year. They have been translated into the 8 key languages used in APGF. Training and advice on how to adapt and implement policies at a national level is the next stage of this work. Parties are encouraged to set up democratic policy decision making systems at a national level to duplicate the regional model now operating.</p> <p>https://www.asiapacificgreens.org/template-policies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Regional Women's Network Gender Equity training A successful pilot training program was undertaken in India in 2019. A Gender Equity two day training workshop is to be held in Nepal in March 2021 alongside a regional training of Gender Equity trainers from the Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan Green parties. This will be backed up by online training programs at national level for the above parties. 3. Women and Young Women's Mentoring program A mentoring program now in its third year for women from emerging parties to

	<p>be mentored by more experienced women from the Australian Greens and other Green parties from across the globe will have an intake of 12 new pairs of women over the next year. Three online training initiatives will also be undertaken for trainees, mentors, and to build the alumni of women from the mentoring program over the past three years.</p> <p>https://www.asiapacificgreens.org/mentorship-project</p> <p>4. Bi-monthly APGF women’s webinars and Gender Equity toolkit A webinar series to accompany the mentoring program is held bi-monthly with guest speakers on relevant topics. The webinars are recorded and part of an online resource kit for women party members. Six webinars are to be held over the duration of this project.</p> <p>https://www.asiapacificgreens.org/apgf-womens-network-webinar-series</p> <p>The online Gender Equity toolkit developed with IDC assistance, will be updated and migrated to a new APGF website. Attention will be given to its application to training needs of women in non-OECD countries.</p> <p>https://www.asiapacificgreens.org/get/gender-equity-toolkit</p>
<p>Estimated cost (split into project and administrative expenses)</p>	<p>Total cost: 70,000 Project and coordination costs: \$50,000 Administrative costs: \$20,000</p>

Assessment Criteria Project 1 Part 2

Criterion 1 - Why has the activity been chosen, why is it important and how does it fit within the objective and aims of the Program?

A detailed selection procedure for all Australian Greens APPDP proposals is undertaken. First through a call out to APGF party members for written concept proposals. These are peer reviewed by a panel from APGF parties who have not submitted proposals and the Australian Greens International Development Coordinator. Recommendations made to the Australian Greens International Development Committee for approval. Project teams comprising the recipient party or network, IDC members, the International Development Coordinator, and two other APGF representatives as part of an exchange and training experience develops a detailed operational proposal for approval by the IDC. Project teams meet

monthly, hold a mid-term project review ,and then a final review of the project at its conclusion is submitted to the IDC for approval.

18 criteria are used to annually select the projects proposed including to abide by APPDP objectives and guidelines. Other key criteria include assisting the party in the lead up to local government, regional, or national elections or to significantly assist party development such as to assist in outreach for setting up of branches required for party registration. All of the above contribute to learning democratic practices and management procedures.

Since many of the parties in the region are new or emerging there is an increasing need for skill development. Skills will be enhanced through the experience of the Australian Greens members of parliament, staffers, and members as well as by newer APGF member parties working alongside more experienced Green Parties. Many parties as yet do not have a set of policies on which to outline their platforms ahead of and during election campaigns. This will be a development focus along with financial sustainability measures where parties understand methodology for financial stability.

Inclusivity of youth and women is a key priority for the region over the next two years. This project includes skill development, mentoring and coaching, as well as online resources to be used by all member parties in our region and also new and emerging parties across the globe.

Criterion 2 – What will the activity achieve and how will any outcomes (short and long term) be measured?

Newer parties will 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.

Parties will strengthen and initiate policies relevant to their own national elections and set up democratic systems to do so. Framework policies developed in 2019-20 now require implementation at national level. Policy training initiatives will be undertaken working with the newly formed APGF policy committee. Party take up of the policies will be measured. This is a cornerstone for parties to stand for elections.

Through project work with the APGF Women’s Network training initiatives we aim to assist with the increased 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 based trainings will commence for those from four intakes of women who are mentored by more senior representatives in APGF parties. On the APGF Council the representation of women is currently at 26%. The aim is for 50% and a number of Gender Equity measures have been undertaken to assist this. A number of trainees

from the mentoring program now hold key roles in their own parties or in APGF for example the APGF Deputy Treasurer, India Greens party Secretary, and APGF Gender Equity Coordinator. It is envisaged this number will grow yearly.

A new intake of mentoring pairs will take place in both September and December 2020 as demand increases the program is to be expanded from one annual intake. Three online trainings will be delivered and a series of webinars relevant to standing for election and organisational skills. Each training and the overall program will be evaluated by participants and organising committees.

A national training in Nepal and then a regional Gender Equity training will be evaluated to determine future such initiatives and adaptations for national political situations. This is preceded by a half day training with men explaining these issues as part of inclusivity measures.

Surveys will be undertaken for the needs of women in non-OECD parties in relation to the next stage of development of the online Gender Equity toolkit. Its success will be measured once it is further updated online and its number of users.

All of the above initiatives will develop further sustainable links between the Australian Greens and other Greens parties in the Asia Pacific region. Parties will benefit from enhanced organising skills and inclusivity of both women and youth as parties further their democratic practices.

Activity Proposal 2 Part 1

Name of activity	Capacity building of the Asia-Pacific Greens Federation (APGF) and Secretariat October 2020 to June 2021
Outline of activity	<p>The project will support the continued development of the APGF Secretariat which in turn supports all the development and international communications to all of the parties in the region.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To assist APGF member and emerging member parties through development of APGF systems, accountable processes, sponsorship and development initiatives. <p>A number of APGF parties have become registered parties over the past two years such as the India Greens national party, Jordanian Nature party, and the Green Party of the Solomon Islands. Initiatives on financial management and sustainability as well as policy development will be implemented.</p> <p>The Secretariat over the next year will commence work in the build up to the Global Greens Congress to be held in Seoul, South Korea in January 2022. The Congress is held once every four years and the next such Congress is in the APGF region. There are 103 Green parties who are members of the Global Greens. Strengthening of systems and deliverables of the APGF Secretariat will assist in the coordination of the Global Congress.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. To implement database management systems for APGF parties. <p>Over the next year a program will be implemented for managing membership and databases as party memberships grow. This will also meet the national needs of data protection for the relevant parties and assist in communication strategies with party membership.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. To assist in future development of the APGF Secretariat, Women's and Youth Networks with representation from the 21 parties throughout the region (please see Activity 1 for full list of parties)

	<p>To provide ongoing support for the Gender Equity program we will for the first time support a Gender Equity Coordinator to oversee and further develop this work in the lead up to a review in late 2021 of Gender Equity measures for the regional federation and all of the member parties. She will also develop a module on women standing as candidates as part of a “She Will Run” initiative.</p> <p>The Asia Pacific Greens Federation Women’s Network (APGFWN) is a network within the Federation. A handful of parties in the region have begun to implement a quota system for women in key roles/ the executive within the party often in countries where women are not usually encouraged to participate in politics.</p>
<p>Organisation to be benefited</p>	<p>All Asia Pacific Greens Federation member parties in non-OECD countries, associated working groups, regional women’s, and youth Networks. Green parties of Bangladesh, India, Iraq, Nepal, Pakistan, Solomon Islands for Gender Equity measures.</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, Members of state or federal parliament 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 have representation on the APGF Council with two elected members.</p>
<p>Estimated cost (split into project and administrative expenses)</p>	<p>Total cost \$50,000 Project and coordination costs: \$41,000 Administrative costs: \$9,000</p>

Assessment Criteria Project 2 Part 2

Criterion 1 - Why has the activity been chosen, why is it important and how does it fit within the objective and aims of the Program?

APGF as a Federation acts as an umbrella body, and as such provides 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. Online Council meetings and women's network and youth network meetings are organised monthly. The Australian Greens have representation on the APGF Council with two elected members. The Secretariat assists with the associated training initiatives and logistics around this.

This project will help the development of a sustainable APGF Secretariat to increase the capacity of member parties and potential member parties and regional networks. This is more critical in the lead up to the organisation of the Global Greens Congress in the Asia Pacific in 14 months time. The Secretariat provides leadership, a communications network, develops training materials, and monitors organisational quality within the Federation. The Secretariat has been producing annual reports since 2018.

The formation of a membership database working group to instill accountability and systems learning is seen as a priority for many of the new and smaller parties within the federation. As parties have grown the previous systems used are now outdated and not meeting national or regional needs. Attention to data management, relevant national legislation, and attention to recruitment and information capture will be key learnings.

APGF has prioritised work inclusivity on gender issues and youth with the support given by the Australian Greens. Appointing a Gender Equity coordinator is seen as a key development and prioritisation to upskill women in key roles in the party and recruit new women. A three year review of the gender equity measures at the APGF Council level is due in the third quarter of 2021 with preparations well in advance. This is seen as an important step in implementation of such measures through all member parties.

Criterion 2 – What will the activity achieve and how will any outcomes (short and long term) be measured?

The activities will benefit the member parties at a stage of growth in membership for many parties. The implementation of database systems will be implemented in 2-3 key parties as pilot projects with the longer term goal of broadening this to all APGF parties. The APGF Secretariat, comprising Two Co-Convenors (one male and one identifying as female), Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, General Secretary and Gender Equity Project Coordinator, from a range of APGF parties will also be familiarised with the system. A number of countries are also strengthening data protection measures and parties need to be up to date with new and current legislation.

This will improve services and communications with membership and good governance in implementing this service.

Appointing a Gender Equity project coordinator to the APGF executive and the work she is to undertake prioritises this work within the executive and consequently within the parties and Federation. The role will be monitored and assessed for future effectiveness. Implementation of program activities including the “She Will Run” program for standing women as candidates at all levels of government will be indicators of the project’s success. This will be a basis for recruitment of female candidates and young women as candidates across all parties.

All of the above will 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 to promote international cooperation. This project assists in the understanding of democratic processes and procedures.

Activity Proposal 3 Part 1

Name of activity	Assist the development and consolidation of emerging Green parties in the Asia Pacific Region
Estimated timing of activity	October 2020 – June 2021
Organisations to be assisted	<p>Emerging Greens party organisations in the Asia-Pacific region, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green Party of the Solomon Islands ● Atjeh Green Party (Indonesia) ● India Greens Party ● Green Party of Iraq
Outline of activities	<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 support key new and emerging parties and develop a roadmap for their party's development.
Estimated cost (split into project and administrative expenses)	<p>Total cost \$ 80,000 Project and coordination costs: \$70,000 Administrative costs: \$10,000</p>

Assessment Criteria Project 3 Part 2

Criterion 1 - Why has the activity been chosen, why is it important and how does it 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 to participate in the democratic processes within their own country. This will be done through assisting them to upskill in their party development, hold sub-regional meetings to build party branches, and to build membership. The consolidation of party structures and procedures. Women's, youth, and inclusivity initiatives are also integral.

Regular online meetings will be conducted by members of the Australian Greens International Development Committee (IDC) and 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.

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, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, and Iraq.

All of the above activities greatly build capacity and participation in democratic practices.

Criterion 2 – What will the activity achieve and how will any outcomes (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. In Iraq the national election is in June 2021. In Indonesia, India, and Solomon Islands parties will field candidates at local and regional government level in the next 1-2 years, building up to national elections.

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. The following specific activities will be undertaken:

Atjeh Green party - set up district committees in a further six districts to assist in registration process ahead of regional parliament elections in 2022, then national elections

Green party of Iraq - strengthening of women's network, preparing women to stand as candidates, 5 training initiatives

India Greens party - expand the party to membership in all 28 states through formation of elected committees. Begin to field candidates for election for the first time.

Solomon Islands - assist with recruitment of members including outreach to women members, strengthen party registration, mentor the party to stand in national and regional elections in two years.

The longer-term outcomes for the emerging Green party projects are stronger formal organisations that actively participate in elections and other democratic processes in the Asia, Pacific, and the Middle East. Projects have been selected in key parties across the diversity of the region.

All costs are kept to a minimum, basic economy including travel, shared accommodation or at times billeting so as more parties can be assisted, and activities undertaken and assessed.