



**‘Going Global’:
Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, Korea and South Africa
in International Affairs**



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This report summarises the main outcomes of the event *Going Global: Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, Korea and South Africa in International Affairs* which brought together delegations from five institutes of international affairs to discuss their countries' regional and global roles. Held at the Grand Hyatt Jakarta on 25-26 May 2010, the forum was hosted by the Australian Institute for International Affairs with funding from the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The event provided a platform for discussion which identified key commonalities between participants as well as differences in outlook. Key themes discussed included the role of each country in its immediate region, the implications of issues such as climate change and energy security and the potential importance of the G20.

Highlights of the forum included:

- The wide variety of institutes and views represented
- The quality and diversity of presentations
- Input into national policy-making on issues discussed
- The development of understanding and dialogue between different institutes for international affairs
- Establishment of solid networks through personal contacts and dialogue
- Formation of ongoing links and joint activities by institutes
- Book publication under preparation.



Australian journalist Graeme Dobell and speakers from South Africa, South Korea and Indonesia.

Objectives

The 'Going Global' event was a partnership between five institutes of international affairs conducted with the aim of reviewing how these countries manage their respective regional and global roles.

Specific objectives included:

- To enable dynamic discussion about the role of these countries in global and regional contexts.
- To consider emerging global challenges and the possibility of collaboration on these issues.
- To consider the opportunities for, and challenges involved in, these countries' role within the G20.

Participants

- Australian Institute of International Affairs
- Centro Brasileiro de Relacoes Internacionas, Brazil
- Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia
- Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, Republic of Korea
- South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa

Format

The forum was divided into four three hour sessions, starting with an opening speech and welcome address.

The four sessions examined the following current issues:

- *Regional Powers, Regional Responsibilities*: Exploring how the five countries manage issues within their regions.
- *Dealing with Global Powers*: Addressing the ways in which the five countries deal with global powers and their regional impacts.
- *Global Challenges*: Discussing how the five countries manage and may continue to manage global issues such as climate change, nuclear proliferation and food security, and exploring whether there are their opportunities for collaboration.
- *The Global System*: Examining the ways in which the five countries contribute to the development of the global system, especially the G20.

There was also a welcome reception for delegations hosted by the Australian Embassy in Jakarta and a dinner organized by CSIS both of which enabled informal contact between members of the participating delegations.

Responses to the Forum

Feedback from participants was positive with the event overall rated at 4 out of 5. Participants rated the quality of speakers extremely highly, with similar reactions to the general management of the event which was rated at 4.4 out of 5.

Comments included:

- “The running of the event was superb.”
- “It built a good foundation for triggering my interest in some countries that I otherwise would not have paid attention to.”
- “I think speakers from other countries provided us with much more needed fresh thinking on many issues.”
- “High caliber.”

Participants also noted the complexity of issues addressed and the desirability of further discussion.

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Delegates from Brazil, South Africa and South Korea enjoy a function organized by CSIS