

# GLOBAL ACCESS PARTNERS

*“Converting global issues into business opportunities”*

GAP is a proactive and influential not-for-profit network which initiates high-level discussions at the cutting edge of the most pressing commercial, social and global issues of today. Through conferences, missions, advisory boards and online think-tank, Open Forum ([openforum.com.au](http://openforum.com.au)), we facilitate real and lasting change for our stakeholders, partners and delegates, sharing knowledge, forging progress and creating input for Government policy.

GAP promotes Australia's capacity to find novel solutions to the challenges facing the global community, and translates these innovative solutions into business opportunities. We focus on practical economic outcomes for Government and business and offer a landmark opportunity for those involved in the GAP process to discuss Australia's future in a high-powered environment.

*“Moving from rhetoric to action”*

GAP's reputation for excellence is founded on its successful high-level national and global initiatives covering a wide range of industries and issues.

In seeking to foster links between Government, Business, Industry and Academia, GAP has developed its unique model of an interactive multidisciplinary task force. Each GAP project, be it a closed-door boardroom roundtable or a national congress in a parliamentary setting, constitutes the beginning of a comprehensive process. A significant outcome of the process is the formation of National Consultative Committees which ensures that recommendations flowing from the GAP initiative become reality.

*“Any survival is the result of cooperation”*

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## GAP INITIATIVES

### 2010

- Australia's Growth Summit (3 Year Series)
- GAP Forum on Happiness

### 2009

- First 5000
- GAP/ACHR Congress on Australia's Health

### 2008

- GAP Congress on Regulatory Affairs: Opportunities for Business

### 2007

- Implementing a Rational e-Health System in Australia: GAP Forum
- Open Forum
- GAP Congress on Wellness & Ageing

### 2006

- Virtual Opportunity Congress IV: Identity & Access
- GAP Forum on Commercialising Nanotechnology in Water
- GAP Forum on Leveraging Networks in Business

### 2005

- GAP Congress on Knowledge Capital
- Australian National Consultative Committee on Electronic Health
- Australian National Committee on Business Building Sustainable Cities

### 2004

- Better Health Care Through Electronic Information: GAP Forum
- GAP Forum on Ecological Sustainability
- National Consultative Committee on Security & Risk

### 2003

- Virtual Opportunity Congress III: Security & Risk
- GAP Forum on Informatics in Biology & Medicine
- Australian Government Consultative Committee on Knowledge Capital
- Australia/Central Europe Entrepreneurial Study Mission

### 2002

- Vendor Management & Outsourcing Forum

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# “SECOND TRACK” PROCESS

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### 2009

- Government Technology Optimisation Group
- Low-Carbon Economy Task Force
- National Consultative Committee on “Second Track” Processes
- GAP Task Force on Australia’s Health

### 2008

- Health Information Exchange Project
- GAP Urban Water Pricing Forum
- Cabinet Meeting with the Hon. Tony Abbott MHR
- National Pharmacogenomics Consulting Group
- Regulating in Technology-Rich Environments Task Force

### 2007

- Creating a Better Regulatory Environment for Innovation: Forum on Victoria’s National Innovation Agenda
- The Working Group on Education & Training in Philanthropy and Social Investment

In 2007, after many years of connecting business, government, academia and the community in pursuit of practical outcomes, GAP began its ‘Second Track’ Process initiative.

With its origins in international diplomacy, the ‘Second Track’ Process highlights a proactive role of the civil society in participatory democracy. It is a new method of government consultation, through which previously ad-hoc mechanisms for stakeholder engagement in policy development and decision making become an accepted method of ‘fast-tracking’ solutions to key issues. The process brings together experts from relevant sectors, including government, business, non-government organisations and consumers. Working collaboratively, with a positive approach, these groups identify problems, initiate discussions, prepare papers, develop practical solutions and oversee their implementation.

The success of GAP initiatives demonstrates that such innovative avenues of stakeholder interaction can be further refined for the public good, without compromising the integrity of public procedure.

*“Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives”.*

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Art. 21(1)  
10 December 1948

## OPEN FORUM’S GOV 2.0 INITIATIVES

### 2009

- National Human Rights Online Consultation
- National e-Security Awareness Week

### 2008

- Better Regulation Blog with the Hon. Lindsay Tanner MP
- “Talk Openly” with the Hon. Tony Abbott MHR (indigenous e-Health)
- “PoliBlogs” with Federal Treasurer the Hon. Wayne Swan, Housing Minister the Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP, NSW Minister Joe Tripodi MP, Australian Greens Senator Scott Ludlam, Opposition Members the Hon. Joe Hockey MP, the Hon. Tony Abbott MHR, the Hon. Greg Hunt MP, Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz, Sophie Mirabella

### 2007

- Australian Government Consultation Blog - A Survey

GAP’s online think-tank, **Open Forum** ([openforum.com.au](http://openforum.com.au)), is a well-established platform with an extensive community network, uniquely positioned to attract the target audience and informed contributions. Building on its experience in hosting online government consultations and promoting debates around particular areas of interest, Open Forum works with agencies across the whole of government to increase the level of citizen participation in the formation of public policy.

We are currently developing our new online project, **First 5000** ([first5000.com.au](http://first5000.com.au)) - an exclusive business development alliance for the top 5000 Australian small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs). This ambitious project will, for the first time, crossover disparate industries and locations to connect those playing a crucial role in the national economy, creating an invaluable reserve of intellectual leadership to inform SME issues.

*“Building the culture of collaborative policy development”*

*“United we stand, divided we fall”*

Aesop, 620 BC - 560 BC

