

AGENDA ITEM IX.

Ideas and plans for collaboration

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**2014 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EVALUATION OF CLIMATE
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Context/Background

2008 marked a significant milestone in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of climate change policies and interventions as over 250 evaluation professionals met in Alexandria, Egypt for substantive discussions of best practices and experiences in the field of evaluation of climate change and development. The 2008 international conference, the first of its kind, was organized by the Global Environment Facility Evaluation Office (GEFEO) and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina with the involvement of several international donors and partners.

With the global community poised to see a legally binding global climate deal by late 2015 in Paris and with climate change expected to feature prominent in the upcoming Sustainable Development Goals, it is certain there will be further attention on this topic. And by extension, further demands for results and evidence to show these investments are working.

With so many climate change mitigation and adaptation interventions taking place at different scales in different environmental circumstances and geographical regions of the world, evaluators are confronted with more challenges. What are the different approaches suitable to effectively evaluate the nexus between climate change and natural resources management? What are current best practices and what needs to be further developed? What lessons can we draw from evaluations so far, for policy, for interventions and for countries and communities?

Objectives

This conference will enable evaluation professionals and a selected group of policy makers and practitioners from north and south to collectively explore how different methods and approaches to evaluate climate change and natural resources management have worked and how they can be improved to address new and emerging issues. In addition to serving as a platform for peer-learning, the conference will help in capacity building of participants. More specific objectives will emerge in the coming months when the program of the conference is developed.

Possible outcome(s)

The conference will produce tangible outcomes, like the publication of the major papers presented at the conference, as well as less tangible outcomes, but important results like identification of gaps and promising avenues to explore, as well as lessons learned. The conference will also potentially provide inspiration and strengthened capacity for participants from developing countries and will identify further support that would empower evaluators on climate change and natural resources management.

Value-Added to Ongoing Processes:

The global community is poised to see a new development architecture in 2015 prominently featuring climate change. The expected post-2015 framework will face a variety of conceptual and methodological challenges in all areas including climate change. The 2014 conference should serve as a platform to initiate or take up past or current discussions related to indicators to measure climate change and natural resources management in view of aligning them to what emerges with the new sustainable development goals (SDGs) in 2015. Furthermore, the conference will provide an environmental/climate change perspective that will inform the international year of evaluation in 2015.

Participants

Unlike the 2008 Alexandria conference in which more than 205 evaluation and development professionals participated, the 2014 conference targets a smaller group of no more than 60 evaluation practitioners, with about 20 policy makers and development practitioners, from all over the world.

Funding

The GEF Independent Evaluation Office and Climate-Eval have ensured basic funding for the conference, through generous donations of Denmark, Germany and Sweden. More funding may be needed for special sessions that collaborators would propose or for especially participants from developing countries.

Partners in the Steering Committee of the Conference

- Climate-Eval Community of Practice
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Global Environment Facility Independent Evaluation Office (GEFIEO)
- Institute of Development Studies (IDS)
- Independent Evaluation Group of the World Bank (IEG)
- International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (DANIDA)
- State Secretariat for Economic Affairs and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation of Switzerland
- Swedish Development Corporation Agency (SIDA)
- UK Department for International Development (DFID)

Date and Venue of Conference:

The conference is expected to take place late June or early September, possibly in Europe or in Washington DC. Decisions on this are expected in February.

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