

AGENDA ITEM V.

Capacity development and work with partners

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UPDATE ON THE TASK TEAM ON EVALUATION CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT (ECD)

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Evaluation Capacity Development Task Team 2012-2013

Finland, supported by the EVALNET Secretariat, has chaired the ECD Task Team of EVALNET for two years 2012-2013. The Members of the task team include Austria, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States, the African Development Bank and the IEG World Bank Group.

A summary of what has been achieved in 2012-2013:

- 1. Networking and dialogue with partner countries on ECD needs, frameworks, role of donors aiming at demand-driven and needs-based ECD support**
 - Participation and contributions in international evaluation conferences.
 - Presentations of needs assessment results by EvalPartners, CLEAR, UK and other task team members based on their bilateral experience.

- 2. Developing a clear concept and guidance on ECD support for evidence-based ECD frameworks and guidance**
 - The task team agreed on a Concept Note on Working Consensus on ECD.
http://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/dcdndep/ECD_%20concept%20note_final%20%282%29.pdf
 - The task team has continued to exchange information of ECD support experiences and lessons learned focusing on how to best support ECD. The EVALNET Secretariat, Germany, the CLEAR Initiative, Finland and UK have presented lessons learned.

- 3. Coordinated ECD support, promotion of joint activities to achieve more efficient ECD support**
 - The task team has exchanged information of ECD support plans with potential for joint work.

- 4. Advocacy for enabling evaluation environment**
 - Joint work with EvalPartners on the toolkit to develop advocacy strategies to strengthen an enabling environment for evaluation, which was published in 2013.
<http://www.mymande.org/evalpartners/advocacytoolkit>

- 5. Joint evaluations for capacity development**
 - The ECD Task Team has provided a forum to inform and get feed-back for the Collaborative Evaluations for Capacity Development-initiative coordinated by France.

- 6. ECD Task Team meetings**
 - Face-to-face meetings: 24.5.2012 in Helsinki, 28.11.2012 in Paris, 11-12.6.2013 in Helsinki
 - Several virtual meetings (phone, video)