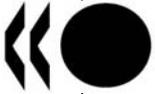


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15-16 January 2004, Salle 2, New Building, OECD Headquarters

Thursday 15 January

09h30 - 10h ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, SUMMARY RECORD AND BRIEFINGS

Item 1

- i. Adoption of the Agenda DCD/DAC/EV/A(2004)
- ii. Approval of the Summary Record of the 37th Meeting of the DAC Working Party on Aid Evaluation DCD/DAC/EV/M(2003)1/PROV
- iii. Report on DAC Senior Level Meeting by the Secretariat
- iv. Briefing on the DAC Working Party on Aid Effectiveness (WP-EFF) Room Document 1

10h – 13h: REVIEW OF ONGOING WORK

Item 2

- i. Review of the quality of evaluations Room Document 2

Australia will introduce the proposed work on quality of evaluations including the development of “minimum sufficient evaluation standards”. In order to take this further, members are asked to be prepared for a substantive discussion as well as for suggestions on next steps.

11h - 11h15 Coffee break

- ii. General Budget Support

Work has progressed considerably since the last Working Party meeting, at which it was agreed to set up a task team of interested members. The United Kingdom, as Chair of the Steering Group for the joint evaluation, will present an overview of the current status of the evaluation, including progress in agreeing the focus and scope, management structure, funding, and time-frame. Room Document 3

At the preparatory Workshop for the Evaluation of General Budget Support (Brighton, 14-15 October 2003), the need for sharing of evaluation results on other types of programme aid than General Budget Support was highlighted. The Chair of the Evaluation Network suggested investigating the feasibility of using the Network more actively as a forum/learning platform for sharing evaluations on programme aid. The Secretariat and the Chair have outlined some suggestions and issues for discussion. Room Document 4

iii. Partners in Development Evaluation

France and the DAC Evaluation Network jointly organised the workshop “Partners in Development Evaluation – Learning and Accountability”, 25-26 March 2003. The workshop attracted close to 300 participants indicating a need for communication and information sharing between the various evaluation communities: civil society, bilateral donors and international organisations. Daniel Kamelgarn (France) will present some suggestions for follow up based on consultations with the Steering Group and with participants.

Room Document 5

Japan hosted the Third Tokyo ODA Evaluation Workshop on 12- 13 November 2003, involving a number of Asian partner countries. Japan will provide a brief report on its efforts in engaging in a dialogue with partners on evaluation.

Room Document 6

13h – 14h30 Lunch

14h30 - 18h FOCUS SESSION ON JOINT EVALUATIONS

Item 3

The afternoon session will focus on Joint Evaluations. Niels Dabelstein, Vice-Chair of the DAC Evaluation Network, will introduce the discussion.

The Secretariat has prepared an “Evaluation Highlights” note based on Members’ inputs containing information about developments in evaluation functions and recent major studies produced. It also provides details about planned evaluations including some joint evaluations.

Room Document 7

A proposal for a study which takes stock of experiences and lessons learned with joint evaluations will be presented by Germany and Denmark.

Room Document 8

The DAC Chairman, Richard Manning, has provided an interesting input to the Network’s reflection on joint evaluations in his overview chapter in the Development Co-operation 2003 Report. He will be invited to present his thinking for an open discussion with members on how to take these suggestions forward.

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Friday 16 January**09h30 - 13h REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME TOPICS****Item 4**

- i. Evaluation knowledge management Room Document 9

During November and December 2003, an e-mail consultation process took place on this subject. The results will be presented for discussion. The Netherlands has taken the lead on this and will introduce the topic.

- ii. Strategic Frameworks for Peace-building Room Document 10

The Utstein group of countries has collaborated on an inventory on peace building efforts and an international seminar was held in Oslo, 1-2 December 2003. Norway will present main results and suggestions for follow up work.

- iii. Impact Assessment Room Document 11

A note for discussion has been prepared by the Chair of the Evaluation Network in collaboration with the World Bank.

- iv. Elections

In accordance with OECD rules for Subsidiary Bodies, Members are invited to elect a Bureau for the Network. Members have been asked to provide nominations in advance of the meeting.

11h30 - 11h45 Coffee break

Item 5 Programme of Work and Budget DAC/DCD/EV(2003)4

On the basis of the discussions on the previous agenda items, Members are invited to consider the draft work programme for the Evaluation Network for 2005-06 plus carry-forward items for 2004. Members' attention is drawn to the need for financial support in order to implement the work programme. Members may also wish to address the modalities of work including participation in the Network, and the need for engaging with partners and emerging donors.

Item 6 Other business

13h – 14h30 Lunch

14h30 - 16h30: INFORMAL SESSION ON MAJOR RECENT EVALUATIONS OF PROGRAMME AID

In light of the need expressed at the planning workshop on general budget support to provide a forum/platform for discussion on evaluation of programme aid more broadly, two major recent evaluations will be presented in this informal session. The Netherlands will present its evaluation of the results of debt relief in eight heavily indebted countries and the IMF will present the role of fiscal adjustment in IMF-supported programmes. The Chair will facilitate this session.