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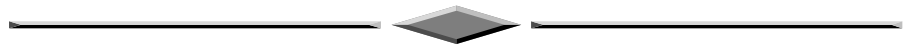
DAC WORKING PARTY ON AID EVALUATION

HIGHLIGHTS OF EVALUATION DEVELOPMENTS

ADDENDUM

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FINLAND

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Structural/policy changes/other major developments in the evaluation function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No major changes regarding evaluation policies, practices or administration. The Unit for Evaluation and Internal Auditing consists of the Head of Unit, two evaluation officers, one internal auditor and a secretary.
Major recent reports/achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All eight country programme evaluations undertaken during 2001 and 2002 were completed by March 2002 (Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Vietnam, Zambia) A synthesis study will be completed by the end of May 2002.
Tentative joint initiatives/ideas/suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Joint Nordic evaluation still under consideration

FRANCE

Direction du Trésor

Structural/policy changes/other major developments in the evaluation function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dans le cadre de la réorganisation de l'Agence française de développement, l'évaluation des projets a été confiée à la Mission de l'évaluation et de la capitalisation qui est directement rattachée à la Direction de la stratégie de l'Agence.
Major recent reports/achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation de l'ensemble des contributions volontaires de la France au système des Nations Unies, aux fonds recapitalisables et fiduciaires des banques multilatérales de développement et au Fonds européen de développement Evaluation de la coopération administrative internationale de la France

IRELAND

Ireland Aid – Development Cooperation Directorate

Structural/policy changes/other major developments in the evaluation function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Ireland Aid Review Committee published stressing the importance of evaluation in the organization
Major recent reports/achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thematic Evaluation of Area Based Programmes Ex-post evaluation of Hotel and Tourism Training Institute, Zambia Evaluation of Ireland Aid support to the National Committee for Development Education Quality audit of evaluation function in Ireland Aid Evaluation of Ireland Aid support to selected NGOs
Tentative joint initiatives/ideas/suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint exercises in Sector Wide Approaches in Health and Education

ITALY
Directorate General for Development Co-operation (DGCS)

Structural/policy changes/other major developments in the evaluation function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
Major recent reports/achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion and dissemination of the DGCS Technical Guidelines on Monitoring and Evaluation of ODA initiatives (Seminars and training courses on Monitoring & Evaluation to be realised in the near future) • Completion and dissemination of the reports of ex post evaluations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint Ventures in Developing Countries - Italian ODA in Africa – 1987/1997 (Desk Review) - Italian ODA on education and training – 1987/1997 (Desk Review)

Luxembourg

Structural/policy changes/other major developments in the evaluation function.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luxembourg's total PDA totalled 0.8% of GDP • Establishment of Evaluation and Audit Desk
Major recent reports/achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt of Analysis of current practices and future recommendations for the establishments of updated management procedures • Tender launched for the project: "Development of functional tools for the evaluation division of the Luxembourg cooperation office" • Finalisation of the evaluation of cooperation projects supporting the crafts sector in Niger • On-going evaluation of interventions in the sector of blood transfusion in Vietnam
Tentative joint initiatives/ideas/suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First draft realised for the joint evaluation [Austria (Lead), Switzerland, France(?)] of the NGO "ENDA" in Senegal • Comments received from Switzerland

PORTUGAL
ICP - Instituto da Cooperação Portuguesa

<p>Structural/policy changes/other major developments in the evaluation function.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two major Portuguese co-operation agencies (ICP and APAD) will be merged in about three months time, but there are not yet any decisions about the nature of the future organization. <p>The important role of evaluation is politically recognized and stressed, but we don't know yet which institutional framework will be adopted.</p>
<p>Major recent reports/achievements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of the intervention of a NGO in the health sector in Cabo Verde • Desk study of the evaluation of the Portuguese intervention in the health sector in Moçambique • Launching of the evaluation of the Portuguese intervention in the University education in Cabo Verde • Launching the evaluation of Bissau Faculty of law • Evaluation glossary (translation of DAC glossary) • Co-operation glossary • Evaluation guide (first draft) • Evaluation web site • Evaluation Unit annual report, 2001.
<p>Tentative joint initiatives/ideas/suggestions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intention of a joint evaluation of the municipality co-operation with Cabo Verde.

SPAIN

<p>Structural/policy changes/other major developments in the evaluation function.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tendency to jump from the evaluation of projects and activities, to the evaluation of wider actions such as sectorial and country programmes. • Spreading the evaluation culture and activities to other actors of Spanish cooperation, mainly DNGOs and decentralized cooperation (autonomous regions and local governments), including the drafting of a third methodology to evaluate projects implemented by NGOs, and the design and implementation of a course about evaluation. • Decentralization of the financial responsibilities of some evaluations which cost will be included in the budgets of other units. This will allow this Office to carry out a higher number of evaluations, while keeping the surveillance and control of the quality and results of the evaluations. • Linking closely the evaluation into the planning cycle, by evaluating sectors or programmes right after the starting of the drafting of the planning documents, so the conclusions of the evaluations can be directly included and taken into consideration.
<p>Major recent reports/achievements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of the Adults Education Programme implemented in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and the Dominican Republic (already published). • Evaluation of the Spanish Assistance for Integrated Livelihood (SAIL) Programme in the Philippines (already published). • Evaluation of the Programme “Judiciary Reform in Bolivia” (publishing). • Evaluation of Spanish Country Programme in Peru (publishing).
<p>Tentative joint initiatives/ideas/suggestions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion for the implementation of a joint evaluation of the Microcredits policies and actions. This is an activity quite recent in Development Cooperation that is being used more and more by Development Agencies, channelling quite an important number of resources. It would be useful to study the ways in which the Agencies design and implement these programmes and the different results achieved. This joint exercise may be of particular importance as it will allow Agencies to take advantage of the experience and knowledge that International Financial Organisations have obtained, especially as the technical and economic specialities of these programmes make it difficult for an Agency to evaluate microcredits programmes on its own.

UNITED KINGDOM
Department for International Development (DFID)

<p>Structural/policy changes/other major developments in the evaluation function.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFID's budget continues to rise: oda in 2001 was £3.235m which represented 0.32% of the UK Gross National Income. • New Permanent Secretary, Mr Suma Chakrabarti • Evaluation and performance assessment functions have been separated to link performance monitoring more closely to corporate management and allow evaluation a stronger independent 'challenge' role, reporting to top management (Director General (Special Initiatives)) • New programme of evaluation studies in preparation: to include country programme evaluations
<p>Major recent reports/achievements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation synthesis study of DFID-assisted revenue projects • DFID assistance for sustainable agriculture (issuing in June) • Studies on influencing; trade; and country performance review in DFID's programme (issuing shortly) • DFID Development Effectiveness Report 2001 (issuing shortly)
<p>Tentative joint initiatives/ideas/suggestions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint evaluation of General Budget Support: workshop to review issues/opportunities in November 2002

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

<p>Structural/policy changes/other major developments in the evaluation function.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New AfDB reorganisation effective starting 2 January 2002. Number of Vice Presidencies increased from 3 to 5 with establishment of 2 Vice Presidencies for Operations (ADF countries in West and central + North, East and South) and a Vice Presidency for Research and Strategic Planning. Establishment of a new position of Chief Economist. The new organisation did not affect the evaluation function. • Evaluation Department is invited by the Board to scale up project evaluations to sector strategy impact and country assistance evaluations • As part of ADF-9 replenishments, Management agreed to adopt Results-Based Management and Evaluation is invited to report annually on Development effectiveness on the basis of designed outcome indicators
<p>Major recent reports/achievements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country Assistance Evaluation (CAE): Mali, Botswana and Rwanda (on-going) jointly with WB • Country/Sector assistance Evaluation (CSAE): Uganda (Agriculture Sector, Transport Sector, Social Sectors), Malawi (Transport Sector), Ethiopia (Transport) • Sector Thematic Evaluation: Telecommunications, Agriculture Sector Policy Adjustments, Social Dimensions of Adjustment Programmes, Rural Financing Strategy Impact • Review of 1996 to 2000 Evaluation Results • Monitoring and Evaluation in AfDB projects and programmes
<p>Tentative joint initiatives/ideas/suggestions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination and Co-organisation of the 2nd Conference of the African Evaluation Association (Nairobi, June 10-14, 2002) • Monitoring and Evaluation Capacity Development in the context of PRSPs • Outcome Indicators and Measurement of ADF/IDA Impact

**EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
(EBRD)**

<p>Structural/policy changes/other major developments in the evaluation function.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant evaluation reports, including the Annual Evaluation Overview Report (AEOR), are now sent simultaneously to the Board and the President thus eliminating any ambivalence in reporting to the Board. The AEOR will be discussed at the Bank’s Executive Committee only after distribution to the Board in order to avoid any perception of influence on the outcome of the report. The Vice President of the Evaluation & Operational and Environmental Support Vice Presidency (ESE) will not approve the management response to the AEOR in order that the response does not impact on his own role with PED. • The President will send the AEOR to the Board of Governors prior to the Bank’s Annual Meeting. • The professional staff of PED has been further strengthened with a new position for a senior environmental evaluation manager. One of the existing positions will be substituted with a senior economist to carry out transition impact analysis at country level. • In recognition that the credibility of the Bank depends, in part, on the objective, expert, and thorough evaluation of Bank projects, the Director of PED has now become Corporate Director for Evaluation.
<p>Major recent reports/achievements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Annual Evaluation Overview report for 2001</i> presented to the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors • Special Study: Evaluation of Energy Efficiency in Bank Projects (Summary report will be presented on EBRD’s Web site) • Summary report of Special Study “Evaluation of Environmental Performance” will be put on EBRD’s Web site • Evaluation special study on EBRD’s “Legal Transition Programme”
<p>Tentative joint initiatives/ideas/suggestions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible collaboration with EU on EU SME facility for Central Europe • Collaboration with ADB in Central Asia • Collaboration with WB/IFC in all countries of operations