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Working Party on Aid Evaluation

DRAFT AGENDA OF THE 37th MEETING

The Working Party will meet on Thursday 27 March 2003 from 09.30 - 13.00 and 14.30 - 18.00, and on Thursday 28 March from 09.30 - 13.00. An informal session will be held on Thursday 28 March from 14h30 - 16h30.

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DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Thursday 27 March 09h30 -10h00 OPENING SESSION**Item 1**

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| i) | Adoption of the agenda | DCD/DAC/EV/A(2003)1 |
| ii) | Approval of the Summary Record of the 36 th Meeting | DCD/DAC/EV/M(2002)1/PROV |
| iii) | DAC Subsidiary discussion – state of play | |

10h00 – 13h00 – ONGOING WORK

Item 2	Workshop on Partners in Development Evaluation – Learning and Accountability	DCD/DAC/EV(2003)1
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Item 3 Review of evaluation synthesis studies

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| i) | Review on gender and evaluation | Room document |
| ii) | Lessons learned in donor support to decentralisation and local governance | DCD/DAC/EV(2003)3 |

11h30 – 11h45	Coffee break	
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Item 4	Client survey of peer reviews: follow up to the recommendations	DCD/DAC/EV(2003)2 DCD/DAC(2002)29 and Ann 1
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13h00 – 14h30	Lunch break	
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14h30 – 16h30 FOCUS SESSION ON JOINT EVALUATIONS

Item 5	<i>Starting at 16h30 the focus session will be followed by an informal “Evaluation exchange” to discuss new ideas and suggestions for future joint evaluation and/or collaboration in evaluations. It will be hosted by the Delegation of the Netherlands</i>	Room documents
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Friday 28 March – 09h30 – 13h00 FUTURE WORK**Item 6**

i)	General introduction on future work	C/PWB(2003)1 (excerpt)
ii)	Monitoring Effective Aid Delivery/Harmonisation of Donor Practices	Room document
iii)	Evaluation of budget support	Room document
iv)	Impact evaluation	Room document
v)	Results management and evaluation: follow up to the DAC Forum on “Managing for development results”	DCD/DAC(2003)6
vi)	Country programme evaluation	Room document
11h00 – 11h30	Coffee break	
vii)	DAC Evaluation inventory	Room document
viii)	Conflict/ peace building and evaluation	
ix)	Strengthening links with development evaluation communities, research institutions and evaluation associations.	
13h00 – 14h30	Lunch break	
14h30 – 16h30	Informal session on country-led evaluation and evaluation capacity development, organised by the Netherlands, World Bank and UNDP	

MEETING ROOMS AND REGISTRATION

The meeting will be held at in Room 5, New Building, OECD Headquarters, 2 rue André Pascal, Paris 75016.

Participants should confirm their participation with the Secretariat in advance (michelle.weston@oecd.org) so that security badges can be requested for them. Your official diplomatic representation at the OECD should also be informed of the composition of your delegation to the meeting.

ANNOTATIONS

THURSDAY 27 MARCH 9.30-13.00

ITEM 2: Workshop on Partners in Development Evaluation: Learning and Accountability

[DCD/DAC/EV(2003)1]

As the meeting of the WP-EV follows directly on the Workshop, it provides an opportunity to discuss the outcome and possible next steps. France will provide a brief report as an introduction to the discussion.

ITEM 3: Review of evaluation synthesis studies

There are currently two ongoing meta-evaluations conducted within the framework of the WP-EV and Members are invited to review progress and discuss next steps.

- i) Review on gender and evaluation Room document

Australia is the lead agency for this work and will present the results of the “Review of Gender and Evaluation”. Members may wish in particular to address the conclusions and recommendations for follow up contained in chapter seven of the report.

- ii) Lessons learned in donor support to decentralisation
and local governance [DCD/DAC/EV(2003)3]

The synthesis report is now available, and Germany and UNDP as the lead agencies for the work will report on the main findings. Members are invited to discuss the report and its dissemination.

ITEM 4: Client survey of peer reviews: follow up to the recommendations**[DCD/DAC/EV(2003)2]
[DCD/DAC(2002)28 & Ann 1]**

The WP-EV Informal Subgroup has finalised its work with the submission of the client survey to the DAC and its Senior Level Meeting in December 2002. While most of the recommendations are directed to the DAC, some also identify suggestions for further work by the WP-EV, notably in methodological support to peer reviews. The Secretariat has prepared a note to facilitate the discussion on these recommendations and on follow up.

ITEM 5: Focus session on joint evaluations**Room documents**

This afternoon session will be entirely devoted to the subject of joint evaluations. As a background to the discussion, and on the basis of Members' submissions, the Secretariat has prepared a room document which provides an overview of ongoing joint evaluations and lists some tentative ideas/suggestions for future joint evaluations.

The session will start with a presentation by Mr Niels Dabelstein, Denmark and Vice-Chair of the WP-EV and continue with a presentation by Mr Gregory Ingram, the World Bank on "Lessons learned from World Bank Experience in Joint Evaluation", which will include the recent CDF evaluation experience.

Issues for the discussion include: key issues and principles in joint evaluations; transaction costs for donors and for partners; other costs and benefits; challenges and opportunities identified in past experiences; and the possible need for a more formal synthesis of recent joint evaluation experience that would take into account lessons and experiences further to the WP-EV publication "Effective Practices in Conducting a Joint Multi-Donor Evaluation" [Evaluation and Aid Effectiveness Series No 4].

Following this discussion, the formal meeting will break up at around 16.30 and an informal "Evaluation exchange" will be organised to discuss possible ideas and suggestions for future joint evaluations and collaboration. Members will receive an invitation from the Netherlands who are hosting the session at their delegation, situated at 12-14 rue Octave-Feuillet (a few minutes walk from the OECD Headquarters building).

This is a new attempt to use the WP meetings as a facilitation opportunity and promote a market place of suggestions on collaboration in all stages of the evaluation process, including possible new joint evaluations.

FRIDAY 28 MARCH 9.30-13.00

ITEM 6: Future work

- i) General introduction on future work. C/PWB(2003)1 (excerpt)

Under this item, the Members are invited to raise new issues including possible outcomes or reflections from the previous day's discussions. In the context of discussing future work, Members' attention is drawn to the DAC harmonisation agenda and the emphasis on pursuing this work at the forthcoming DAC HLM.

- ii) Monitoring of Effective Aid Delivery/Harmonisation of Donor Practices. Room document

The Secretariat will present plans for future work on Monitoring Effective Aid Delivery also as a follow up to the work of the DAC Task Force on Donor Practices (TFDP) and implementation of the "Rome Declaration on Harmonisation" (February 2003).

- iii) Evaluation of budget support Room document

A report will be provided by DFID on the results of the workshop on "Evaluation of Budget Support" held on 3-4 March 2003 and discussion on suggestions for next steps.

- iv) Impact evaluation Room document

An informal meeting was held in Washington DC in November 2002 on this subject and the Netherlands and the World Bank will report on the results and identify some suggestions for future work on impact evaluation.

- v) Results management and evaluation: follow up to the DAC Forum on Managing for development results. [DCD/DAC(2003)6 and Room document]

The WP-EV's attention to the results management agenda stretches back several years, including the production of the first ever review of donor results-based management systems completed in 2001. Building on notably WP-EV work, a Development Partnership Forum on Managing for Development Results and Aid Effectiveness was organised in December 2002. Drawing on the Forum and in view of the importance of the results agenda to development evaluation, the Secretariat will present suggestions for further work.

- vi) Country programme evaluation Room document

The Inter-American Development Bank hosted a workshop in collaboration with the WP-EV in February 2003, and will provide highlights of the discussion. Members are invited to discuss possible further action.

- vii) DAC Evaluation Inventory Room document

Canada, who is managing the Inventory on behalf of the WP-EV, will provide an update and suggestions for further improvements, notably with regard to incorporating evaluation plans into the Inventory.

viii) Conflict/ peace building and evaluation

For some time, the WP has discussed the possibility of a joint evaluation study on lessons learned on post-reconstruction and peace-building but no formal decision has been taken. A study is underway in the Utstein group on an inventory of evaluation and research work in relation to a forthcoming conference on peace-building and a representative of the Utstein group will be invited to brief the WP- EV about their work. Members are invited to discuss how a possible joint evaluation synthesis work could build on the Utstein efforts.

ix) Strengthening links with development evaluation communities, research institutions, and evaluation associations.

In view of the discussion during the preceding days on collaboration and links with the various development evaluation communities including in partner countries, Members are invited under this item to draw conclusions of this discussion and decide on possible further action.

Further targeted collaboration might be envisaged to develop synergies and partnerships in evaluation. For instance, should there be increased interaction with the evaluation research community to stimulate more research on development evaluation? Are there other communities that the WP should seek synergies with such as regional or national evaluation associations?

14.30 - 16.30 Informal session on Country led evaluation and evaluation capacity development, organised by Policy and Operations Evaluation Department of the Netherlands, the Operations Evaluation Department of the World Bank and Evaluation Office of the UNDP with the participation of IDEAS.

The purpose of this informal session is to review recent experience in relation to country led evaluations and to discuss possibilities to mobilise evaluation capacity in the South. This could be in the context of existing government led processes, such as monitoring and evaluation within PRSPs, and the discussion should also consider how to involve partners beyond government.

Members will receive an information note ahead of the meeting on this informal session.