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DRAFT AGENDA OF THE SECOND MEETING

The meeting is to be held in Salle 3, New Building, OECD Headquarters, 2 rue André Pascal, 75016, Paris

9-10 November 2004

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	9 th November	10 th November
AM	<p>09h30</p> <p>I. OPENING</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chair's introduction Introduction of new members Adoption of the Agenda Approval of the Summary Record <p>10h00 – 12h30</p> <p>II. ASSESSING DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS AT COUNTRY LEVEL</p> <p>PRESENTATIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> IMF/ World Bank PRSP evaluations General Budget Support evaluation – status Country Assistance Evaluation Retrospective Study (World Bank) Results of the UNDP workshop IDB experiences with country level evaluations Assessing effectiveness at country level (Nordic plus) 	<p>09h30 – 11h00</p> <p>III. EVALUATING CONFLICT PREVENTION & PEACE BUILDING</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorming session with participation of members of the DAC Network on Conflict, Peace and Development Co-operation <p>11h00-12h30</p> <p>IV. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY, QUALITY AND SYSTEMS</p> <p>REVIEW OF ONGOING WORK</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Joint Evaluation study Update on multilateral evaluations Presentation of the DAC Evaluation Network Website Update on the Review of the Quality of DAC Evaluation Reports
	Lunch (12h30 – 14h00)	Lunch (12h30 – 14h00)
PM	<p>14h00 – 18h00</p> <p>II. ASSESSING DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS AT COUNTRY LEVEL (contd.)</p> <p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</p> <p>Objective: To identify approaches to and decide on a way forward to jointly implement an assessment of development effectiveness at country level</p> <p>17h00 REPORTING BACK FROM BREAKOUT SESSIONS</p>	<p>14h00 – 18h00</p> <p>IV. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY, QUALITY AND SYSTEMS (contd.)</p> <p>DISCUSSION ON NEW WORK</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation systems & structures Impact evaluations <p>V. EVALUATION PARTNERSHIPS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Partners in Development Evaluation UNEG & ECG IDEAS Trade Capacity Building evaluation Presentation of the CGD project on impact evaluation High Level Forum II on Aid Effectiveness Africa update <p>VI. OTHER BUSINESS</p>
	Network informal dinner	

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

1. The morning sessions on both days will be from 09h30- 12h30. The afternoon sessions on both days will be from 14h00 – 18h00.
2. Participants will divide into breakout groups for the afternoon session on 9th November. These breakout groups will be held in Rooms 3, 8 and 9 in the New Building, OECD Headquarters.
3. Participants should confirm their participation with the Secretariat as soon as possible (michelle.weston@oecd.org) ensuring security badges are prepared in advance.

ANNOTATIONS

Item I - Opening session

The new Chair of the DAC Evaluation Network, Ms Eva Lithman (Sweden), will introduce the meeting and provide her view of the role of the Network in the context of current development evaluation challenges and evolving development policies. After the introduction, new members will be given an opportunity to briefly introduce themselves.

Item II - Assessing Development Effectiveness at Country Level

In the morning, a series of presentations will be made to inform and prepare for the afternoon discussions, which will take place in break out groups. The objective of the afternoon session is to decide on a way forward and possible approaches for implementing an evaluation of the development effectiveness of aid at the country level. This has not previously been attempted and will necessitate careful methodological and analytical preparations as well consultations with partner countries.

At the end of the first day, a report on the results of the breakouts session will be made.

Item III - Evaluating Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding

The objective is to have a first discussion/brainstorming on new work in the area of conflict prevention and peacebuilding. At the recent meeting of the DAC Network on Conflict, Peace and Development Co-operation, members fully supported the suggestion to begin exploring work with the Evaluation Network to meet the needs in this area. This also follows the discussion at the first Network meeting on the results of the Utstein study on peace-building. The objective here is to provide directions for new work, identify members who are willing to participate in joint work and set a work process in motion.

Item IV – Evaluation Methodology, Quality and Systems

Review of ongoing work

a) Update on the Joint Evaluation Study

A progress report will be provided on the joint evaluation study. The study will cover recent experiences, lessons learned and options for the future conduct of joint evaluations.

b) Update on Evaluation of Multilateral Organisations

At the January 2004 meeting of the Evaluation Network, Denmark presented a paper on “Evaluation of multilateral organisations – proposal for a new approach”. A report on progress made since then will be provided together with information about a forthcoming workshop on the subject which is to be held in Copenhagen on 23 November 2004.

c) Evaluation Knowledge Management

The Secretariat will present the new website for the DAC Evaluation Network. The objective is to make this website as useful as possible to members and to add value to their own dissemination and information exchange efforts. A background document including suggestions on a broader knowledge management plan will also be provided.

d) Update on the Review of the Quality of DAC Evaluation Reports

An update on work will be presented by Australia.

Discussion on new work

a) Evaluation Systems and Structures

An issues paper will be presented by the Secretariat with suggestions on how to take work forward together with a summary of findings from two cycles of the peer reviews. As stated in the work programme [DCD/DAC/EV(2003)4], the aim of this work is to analyse the recent evolution of members’ evaluation function and to explore the feasibility of developing a complementary instrument/ reference tool to the DAC Principles on Evaluation.

b) Impact evaluations

The World Bank will present an initiative for joint action to promote impact evaluations.

Item V – Evaluation Partnerships

a) Partners in Development Evaluation

Suggestions and options on how to follow up on the workshop “Partners in Development Evaluation” will be presented by France.

b) UNEG and ECG updates

The Chairs of the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) and the Evaluation Co-operation Group (ECG) of the Multilateral Development Banks will be invited to make brief presentations on their current work programme.

c) IDEAS

A representative of the Board of IDEAS will give an overview of current major work and ongoing preparations for a major international conference on development evaluation in spring 2005.

d) Trade Capacity Building evaluation

An informal expert meeting on Trade Capacity Building evaluations was held in June 2004. A brief status report together with an outline of planned work will be presented by the Secretariat.

e) Presentation of the CGD project on impact evaluation

A newly started research project addressing issues related to project impact evaluations will be presented to Network members by Mr Savedoff, Project Director, Global Health Policy Research Network and Centre for Global Development (CGD).

f) High Level Forum II on Aid Effectiveness

The Secretariat will brief members on the status of preparations for the High Level Forum which will take place on 28 February – 2 March 2005.

g) AFREA update

An update on the forthcoming African Evaluation Association conference (AfREA) on 1 – 4 December 2004 will be provided.