



ROOM DOCUMENT 12

DAC Network on Development Evaluation

SHARING EVALUATION WORK PLANS AND FACILITATING UPSTREAM PLANNING OF JOINT EVALUATIONS

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I. Sharing evaluation work plans

1. The DAC Secretariat hosts and manages the Evaluation Network website as part of its knowledge management work. Currently, the restricted area of the website contains a section called Members' pages. These contain details on members' recent and future outputs with links to some key publications and reports. Members can update their pages by sending contributions to the Secretariat (dacevaluation.contact@oecd.org).

2. In order to strengthen information and knowledge sharing among members, a number of members have suggested that full evaluation work plans (final and/or draft), should be shared on the restricted area of the website. The idea would be to create and maintain an up-to-date section on each member's page entitled Evaluation Work Plans.

II. Facilitating and coordinating joint evaluations

4. In order to facilitate and coordinate joint evaluations, a number of members have proposed that a space should be created for ideas and suggestions for joint evaluations before these are formally written into plans. An "openspace" or "bulletin board" could be managed by the Secretariat. This would be a complement to the joint evaluation discussions taking place at Network meetings.

III. Issues

- Do members agree that sharing of evaluation work plans on the restricted website is a suitable way forward?

- How would members like to see further facilitation and co-ordination of "upstream" ideas and tentative plans for joint evaluations?

Related documents:

- *Guidance for Managing Joint Evaluations*