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### **Draft Annotated Agenda of the Sixth Meeting**

**27 - 28 June, to be held at Union de l'Europe Occidentale (UEO), Room A, 43 avenue President Wilson,  
75016 Paris**

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<b>Wednesday 27 June, Morning 9.30 – 13.00</b>	<b>Thursday 28 June, Morning 9.30 – 15.00</b>
<p><b>I Opening session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair’s introduction and brief presentations by new members</li> <li>• Adoption of the Agenda</li> <li>• Adoption of Summary Record of 5<sup>th</sup> meeting</li> <li>• Overview of the work programme</li> </ul> <p><b>II Delivering joint evaluations on aid effectiveness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of the Implementation of the Paris Declaration</li> <li>• Follow up to the General Budget Support Evaluation</li> <li>• Update on the planned Joint Country Assistance Evaluation for Bangladesh</li> </ul> <p><b>III Evaluation capacity development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of lessons and experiences in Vietnam</li> <li>• Discussion on how to move forward the ECD agenda</li> </ul>	<p><b>V Evaluation tools and standards (continued)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing and testing Guidance for Evaluating Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Activities</li> <li>• Multilateral Evaluation Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work by joint informal DAC Evaluation Network/UNEG task team</li> <li>- ECG work on peer review</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Evaluation Quality Standards</li> <li>• Update on DEREc</li> <li>• Global and Regional Partnership Programs</li> </ul> <p><b>VI Ideas and suggestions for joint evaluations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing of evaluation plans and open discussion on new ideas for joint evaluations</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 27 June, Afternoon, 14.30 – 18.00</b>	
<p><b>IV Evaluation in a changing aid and development context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on the implications for evaluation of the changing context of development co-operation including the Paris Declaration</li> </ul> <p><b>V Evaluation tools and standards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact Evaluation – NONIE report</li> </ul>	<p><b>VII Informal session – sharing experiences and updates on ongoing evaluations</b></p> <p><i>(The meeting will continue in informal session over lunch and will end at 3pm.)</i></p>

**GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION**

The meeting will be held at Union de l'Europe Occidentale (UEO), 43, avenue du Président Wilson, 75016 Paris.

The meeting hours will be 9.30 – 13.00 and 14.30 -18.00 on 27 June (with coffee breaks). On 28 June, the meeting will start at 9.30 with a coffee break mid-morning, and continue with an informal lunch session until 15.00.

Interpretation will be provided for the first day and up to lunch on the second day.

Participants should confirm their participation with the Secretariat as soon as possible ([Nathalie.Bienvenu@oecd.org](mailto:Nathalie.Bienvenu@oecd.org)) to ensure that security is informed and badges can be prepared in advance.

Documents will be available on the Evaluation Network restricted website: [www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/members](http://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/members) (login: dacevaluation, password: evaluation)

**ANNOTATIONS**

**I. Opening session**

Following introductory comments by the Chair, new members of the Network will be invited to briefly present themselves. This will be followed by adoption of the agenda and the Summary Record of the Fifth meeting. The Secretariat will provide a brief overview of the work programme of the Network.

**II. Delivering joint evaluations on aid effectiveness**

- Evaluation of the Implementation of the Paris Declaration

This major evaluation has been launched and participants will be briefed by the co-chair of the Reference Group, Mr. Niels Dabelstein, on the current status and the outcomes of the second Reference Group meeting held on 18-20 June 2007.

- Follow up to the General Budget Support Evaluation

At the last meeting it was agreed to prepare a monitoring report on agency responses to the GBS evaluation. DFID will present a draft questionnaire and next steps of the follow up process.

- Update on the planned Joint Country Assistance Evaluation for Bangladesh

The World Bank will present the status of preparatory work.

### **III. Evaluation capacity development**

Following up on the general fact finding study presented at the last meeting, the focus of the first part of this session will be on practical experiences in ECD. The lessons and experiences of Vietnam will be presented by Mr. Cao Manh Cuong, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam, and Mr. John Fargher, Team Leader, Vietnam Australia Monitoring & Evaluation Strengthening Project (VAMESP), Vietnam.

This will be followed by discussion on how to move forward the ECD agenda, supported by a brief issues note prepared by the Secretariat.

### **IV. Evaluation in a changing aid and development context**

A discussion paper, written by Ms. Eva Lithman, Sida and Ms. Julia Compton, DFID, has been prepared to stimulate an open discussion on the role of evaluation in the changing development co-operation context. This will include looking beyond steps already taken by the Network towards harmonisation and joint evaluations, to examine further implications of the Paris Declaration for the conduct and management of evaluation.

### **V. Evaluation tools and standards**

The discussion of this item will begin Wednesday afternoon and continue on Thursday morning.

- Impact Evaluation – NONIE report

The recently created NONIE (Network of Networks Impact Evaluation task team) met in The Hague on 24-25 May 2007. Considerable progress was made on a joint work programme, and the World Bank and DFID will update participants on recent developments and next steps.

- Developing and testing Guidance for Evaluating Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Activities

An update will be provided by Norway, co-chair of the task team (with Switzerland from the CPDC Network). The draft guidance will be made available separately to both Networks, for written comments, and the approach paper has been finalised and will shortly be published. The field testing of the guidance will provide an opportunity for members to engage more fully with the work stream before the guidance is completed. TORs for field work are currently under development.

- Multilateral Evaluation Systems

- Work by joint informal DAC Evaluation Network/UNEG task team

Following the peer reviews of evaluation functions of UNDP and UNICEF, work has started on a professional peer review of WFP's evaluation function. Sweden is leading this work and will brief members.

A new co-lead of the joint DAC Evaluation Network/UNEG task team will need to be filled, following the change of position of Mr. Niels Dabelstein. [The Secretariat has been informed that Mr. Ted Kliest, the Netherlands, would be willing to take over this task].

- ECG work on peer review

A representative of the Evaluation Co-operation Group of the MDBs will be invited to present progress on the peer review methodology and its proposed application for IFIs.

- Evaluation Quality Standards

The Network agreed in 2005 on the Draft Evaluation Quality Standards for a test phase. Members will be invited to provide informal feedback on experiences so far, and on the basis of a note from the Secretariat, discuss and decide on the next steps for a more formal review and eventual finalisation of the standards.

A trilingual version of the Standards (English, French, and Spanish) will be made available.

- Update on DEREc

The Secretariat will provide a brief progress report.

- Global and Regional Partnership Programs

Following the publication in early 2007 of the joint IEG/DAC Evaluation Network “Sourcebook for Evaluating Global and Regional Partnership Programs”, the World Bank will update members on the status of follow up work.

## **VI. Ideas and suggestions for joint evaluations**

Members are welcome to submit ideas/suggestion in advance of the meeting, or to bring with them ideas to be shared at the meeting for this session.

In order to provide an overview, the Secretariat has prepared a document with highlights of planned evaluations based on evaluation plans submitted by Members.

The intention is to have an open exchange to generate new ideas also going beyond what is already firmly planned in members’ evaluation work plans.

Ireland will present an overview of current and planned HIV/AIDS evaluation work and considerations for future joint work in this area.

*The meeting will continue in informal session over lunch and will end at 3pm*

## **VII. Informal session – sharing experiences and updates on ongoing evaluations**

Members will share experiences with recent major evaluations and provide updates on on-going evaluations of broader significance.

- Presentation by China/IOB, Netherlands on the “Country Led Joint Evaluation of the Dutch ORET/MILIEV Programme in China”
- Update on the on-going assessment of the German development co-operation evaluation system
- Voice and Accountability, brief by DFID
- Update on on-going evaluations among members
- Other business