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## **Agenda Item II, iii**

### **INTERACTIVE JOINT EVALUATION PLATFORM**

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## Interactive web-based joint evaluation platform

The Evaluation Network has discussed several ideas on how to move forward on the Network's intention to facilitate and increase the number of joint evaluations. Recommendation three of the report *Challenges, opportunities and approaches for increasing joint donor programming of evaluations* (SADEV, 2008) encourages the Secretariat to consider the development of a *global marketplace* where "members and other potential partners can identify and exploit 'intersections' in their evaluation plans." In contrast to the existing inventory of evaluation plans, a joint evaluation web-based platform would not need to include all evaluation plans, but concentrate instead on concrete suggestions for future joint evaluation work. Currently, the meetings of the Evaluation Network provide a platform for members to discuss joint evaluations ideas, a web-based interactive platform could complement the meetings by promoting further collaboration. The Secretariat has considered this recommendation and outlined the following key topics for member discussion. To be able to develop the most useful platform, more information on members' needs and expectations is needed.

### Issues for consideration:

According to the SADEV report, difficulties have been reported in finding appropriate partners for joint evaluations in a timely manner. A joint evaluation platform could facilitate this process by giving members and others an opportunity to share ideas and information on possible joint evaluations interactively via the web.

- What specific purpose would a joint evaluation platform serve and what would be the added value, in light of past experiences and ongoing efforts?

The Secretariat has researched several models and options for a web-based platform which could facilitate joint work.

- What features would Network members expect from such a web-based platform and are they willing to actively contribute and use an interactive platform?

A "global" marketplace, as suggested by the SADEV report, implies a public webpage that would allow deeper engagement with partner countries and other stakeholders such as NGOs. In the spirit of openness and transparency, and given the aim of encouraging partner countries and other partners to get involved in joint evaluations, a logical next step for the Network would be to make ideas and information on possible joint evaluations available to stakeholders beyond the Network.

- Would Network members publicly share joint evaluation ideas and information? How can members ensure that potential expectations from partners on joint evaluations are met?

If members are interested, and depending on the identified needs, a platform can be developed and managed by the Secretariat, or in collaboration with a partnership organisation.

- Should the Secretariat develop a pilot web platform to test?