
The Workshop Objectives & Challenges

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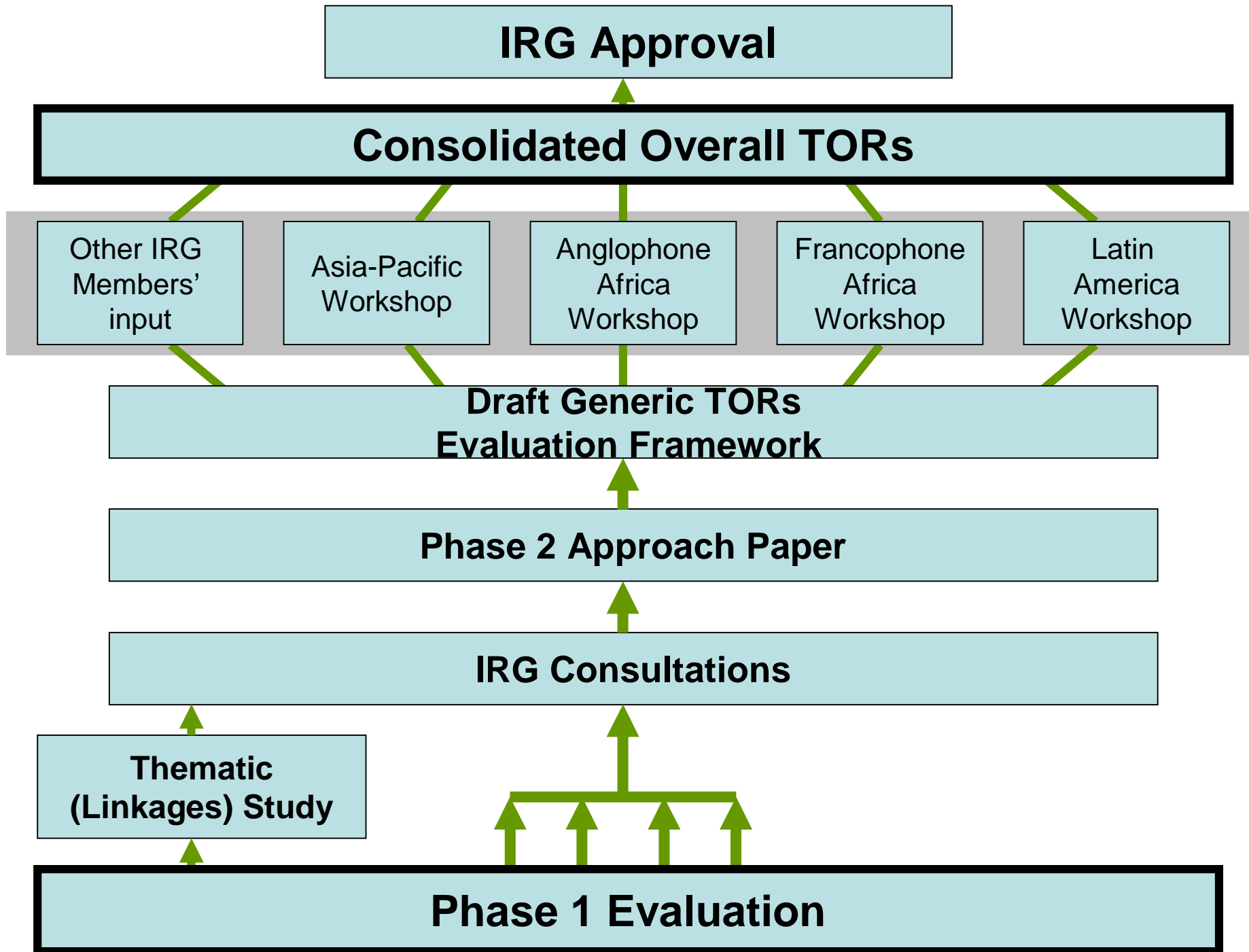
The Regional Workshops: A Major Role in the Whole Evaluation

They will:

- 1. Build on the preparations of the International Reference Group and the agreed Approach Paper to fully engage the Country Coordinators and Reference Groups who are responsible for the most important parts of the Phase 2 Evaluation;**
- 2. Make key contributions to the consolidated Terms of Reference to be considered and approved by the International Reference Group.**

The Series of Regional Workshops

- **Asia Pacific: Siem Reap, Cambodia: 27-29 October, 2009**
- **Latin America: Bogota, Colombia, 4-5 November**
- **Anglophone Africa: Lilongwe, Malawi, 10-12 November**
- **Francophone Africa: Cotonou, Benin, 18-20 November**
- **Plus: Donor/Agency HQ Studies: London, U.K., 23 September**



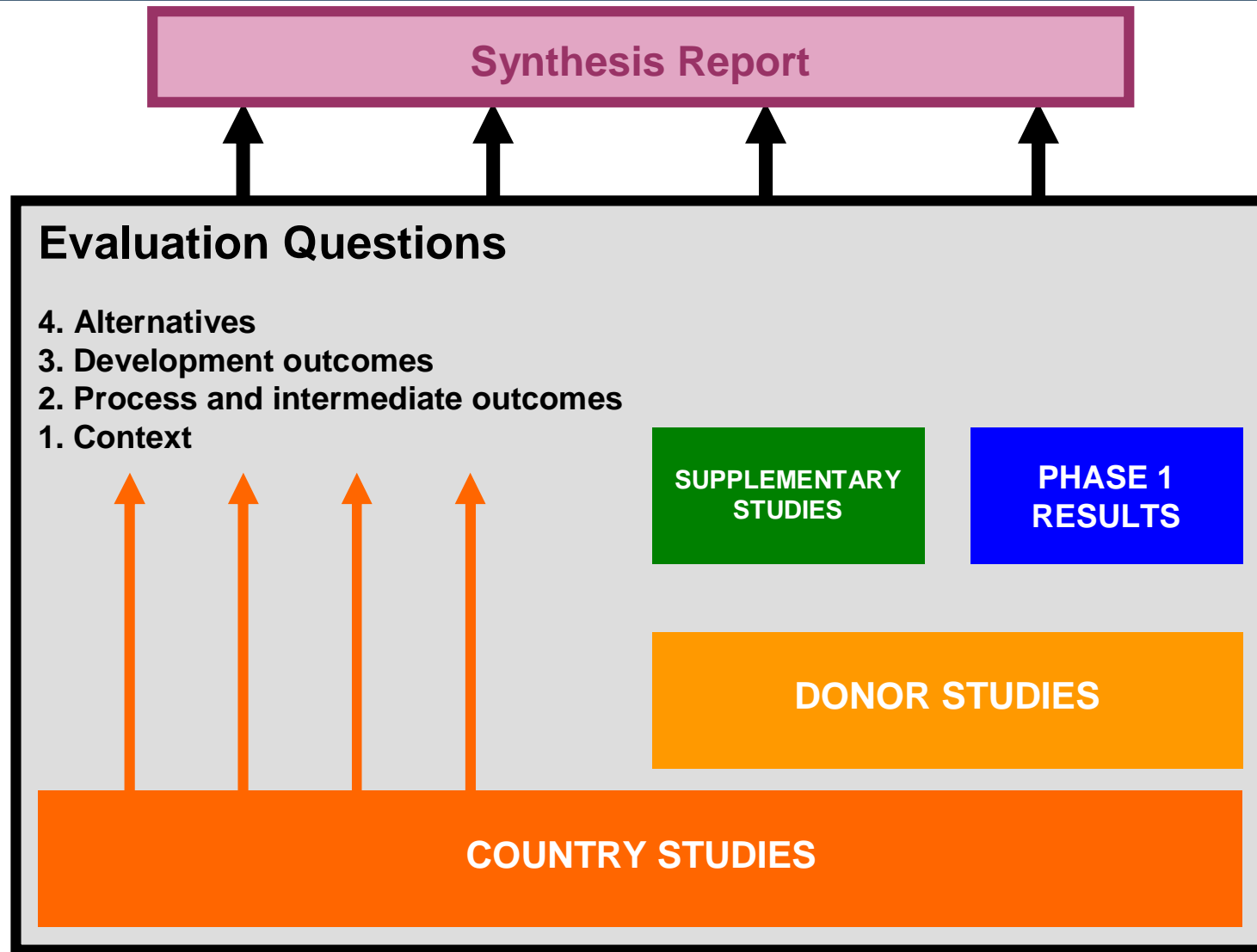
Objectives of Regional Workshops

- 1. Launch the evaluations: how to get started, manage the evaluation, and select and contract teams.**
- 2. Agree and/or propose refinements to the Generic Terms of Reference for Country Evaluations and the common Evaluation Matrix.**
- 3. Launch the systems to support individual evaluations and to share progress and lessons between evaluation teams.**
- 4. Be ready to participate in the International Reference Group by 1 December to finalize Generic TORs.**

The Country-Level Evaluations

- ***Purpose:*** They will be the main vehicles in the whole Evaluation for answering the core evaluation questions on the effects of the Paris Declaration on aid effectiveness and development effectiveness, including poverty reduction
- ***Objective:*** The aim of each country evaluation is to document, analyze and assess the relevance and effectiveness of the Paris Declaration in the country and its contribution to aid effectiveness and ultimately to development effectiveness.

Building Blocks of the Phase 2 Evaluation



Some specific objectives for evaluations:

- **Document the results achieved in the country through implementing the Paris Declaration.**
- **For partner countries and donors/agencies to clarify, improve and strengthen policies and practice consistent with the Paris Declaration for aid and development effectiveness.**
- **Highlight barriers and difficulties that may have limited the effectiveness of the Paris Declaration– and ways to overcome them.**
- **Enable sharing of experience among stakeholders, countries and partnerships to facilitate reflection, lesson-learning and policy improvement.**

Taking Phase 1 and Accra into Account

- **The Phase 1 evaluation generated valuable lessons, questions and guidance. It is a resource for Phase 2 and will be part of the Synthesis**
- **The Phase 2 evaluations should reflect the Accra Agenda for Action's special emphasis on the Paris Declaration's commitments on:**
 - ✓ **strengthening country ownership;**
 - ✓ **building more inclusive partnerships; and**
 - ✓ **sharpening the focus on development results.**

Challenges: Making the evaluations useful

- **A results-oriented evaluation, for wide dissemination and use :**
 - ✓ **Relevant, credible and readable reports for the Seoul 2011 High Level Forum;**
 - ✓ **The process should spur interest and improvement in countries and agencies involved;**
 - ✓ **Must be useful to donor and partner country governments (executive and legislatures), practitioners (official, civil society and private sector stakeholders) & many citizens, in both sets of countries; and**
 - ✓ **Need to be focused, clear (avoid acronyms and jargon) and on time.**

Challenges: a strong comparative approach, with room for specific country priorities

- **Agreed to work within an overall Evaluation Framework, with Common Core Questions, and consistent types of evidence and methods, to yield meaningful aggregate results ;**
- **Agreed that evaluations can add supplementary questions/issues of specific interest to individual countries, as their resources permit;**
- **Complex and difficult methodological challenges to manage, need for clear TORs, support, and quality assurance (covered in next presentations).**

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Thank you.

We now invite: Your Questions & Comments

**Open discussion on objectives & challenges for
the Workshop**